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## Murder rocks family

BY BETSY GAGNET

Scolly Thomas, 46, has been charged with capital murder for the Nov. 21 death of his three-month-old cousin Nikeya Washington.

According to police reports, witnesses said Thomas slammed the baby into a coffee table.

The incident occurred on Nov. 20 at 608 Herlihy Street, the home of the baby's maternal grandmother, Marie James.

James was not home when the incident occurred, but said the baby's mother, Bernice Lewis, told her that Thomas was holding the baby.

"She (Bernice Lewis) said that the baby was laughing and he (Thomas) stood up and slammed the baby into the table," James said. "It shocked me that my own nephew did something like that."

The baby suffered major head injuries and was brought to Hancock Medical Center and then Ochsner Hospital in New Orleans where she died.

According to James, Thomas has a history of mental problems and has spent time in a mental hospital in Jackson.

Right now, James says she is trying to hold up for her daughter.

"She (Bernice Lewis) is doing better than what she was," James said.

Lewis has two other children.

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## Dispatch services debate merge

BY ED LEPOMA

A memorable moment in the movie "Hud" comes when the warden tells Paul Newman, "What we have here is a failure to communicate."

Hancock County is wrestling with the problem too, with the Sheriff's Department, the Bay and Waveland Police and Fire Departments and the area's nine volunteer fire departments unable to communicate with each other because they're on different radio frequencies.

So, Hancock County supervisors invited the mayors, police and fire chiefs of both cities, and area volunteer firemen to a workshop session Tuesday night to begin thinking about consolidating dispatching services throughout the county.

Civil Defense Director Bobby Boudin has had volunteer Ray Sheehy looking into the possibility more than a year now. He is a retired employee of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and has traveled as far as South Carolina to check out consolidation efforts there.

Board President Philip Moran said with the county planning to move several agencies, including Civil Defense, into the C.C. McDonald building off Hwy. 90, it might be time to think about consolidating com-

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## Forest fire

The Mississippi Forestry Commission is offering a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for scorching 47 acres of woods between Lakeshore Road and Springwood Park Subdivision over last weekend, endangering homes in the area. Investigators suspect hunters, and anyone with information is urged to call 255-4885 or 255-7172. (Echo staff photo by Richard Meek)

## Live nativity

### DETAILS

Lutheran Church of the Pines Hwy. 90, Waveland (across from K-Mart) is having its live nativity scene on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 20 and 21 from 6-8 p.m. in front of the Sunday School building.

A choir will also be performing.

For more information contact Cassie Breland at 467-7164.

## TIDES

	1:20 a.	1:02 p.
Sat.	1:52 a.	1:32 p.
Sun.	2:20 a.	1:53 p.
Mon.	2:39 a.	1:59 p.
Tues.	2:43 a.	1:43 p.
	11:05 p.	
Wed.	9:24 p.	12:54 p.
Thur.	9:01 p.	10:17 a.

## Course nearing completion

The Bridges at Casino Magic Golf Course is nearing completion, and should be open by the middle of January. The course's signature hole may well be the eighth, a short par-4 framed by marsh, with the Bay of St. Louis in the background. For more details, please turn to page 9. (Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas)

## State AG to rule on city ordinance

BY RICHARD MEEK

The resolution of a thorny legal issue by the state Attorney General's office will decide the fate of a new Waveland ordinance regulating pawn shops.

But at least one pawn shop owner says she is already complying with state guidelines and that the proposed ordinance would place an unfair burden on her business.

The dispute hinges on the legality of an ordinance the Board of Aldermen unanimously adopted in October. That

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## Court reverses CMR decision on property

BY ED LEPOMA

A South Beach property owner's long battle to have his property near Bayou Caddy rezoned to accommodate a casino is back to square one.

On Nov. 21, Chancery Court Judge Thomas J. Teel reversed the decision of the Commission on Marine Resources and remanded the case involving Jim Manness and other property owners back to the Commission.

The judge instructed the

CMR to conduct a public hearing on the request for rezoning and "to make a record of specific findings and the reasons justifying their actions so that this Court will have a record upon which to review."

The challenge to the rezoning was filed in Hancock County Chancery Court by Concerned Citizens to Protect the Isles and Point Inc., the Bay St. Louis Community Association, Inc., and the Mississippi Coast Audubon Society.

They appealed a CMR ruling in November of 1995 that changed zoning of a strip of beachfront land stretching from Sand Bayou to Lakeshore Drive from "G-Residential and Recreational Use" to "C-Commercial."

The following February of 1996, the groups who later would file the court challenge, tried unsuccessfully to get the CMR to rescind its decision de-

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## Native Americans

Hancock County students presented two performances yesterday on Thanksgiving celebration. The 6th

grade students shared Native American tribes by giving a brief history of their customs, dances and names. The student body along with parents and friends attended. Echo staff reporter C. Chevalier

## OBITUARY

**MARGARET BOURGEOIS**  
SILVER BRUGGER  
**SAMUEL FRANCIS**  
JOANNA KOBERGER  
**FRANCIS MARSHALL II**  
ALTON A. MOREL  
AUGUST SCAFIDI SR.  
SPURGINA THOMPSON  
NIKEYA WASHINGTON  
ROBERT A. WILLEMET

**MARGARET BOURGEOIS**  
Mrs. Margaret Rose Rabito Bourgeois, 75, of Waveland, died Friday, Nov. 22, 1996, in Slidell.

Mrs. Bourgeois was a native of New Orleans and a member of St. Clare Catholic Church in Waveland.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leland "Lee" Bourgeois Sr.; and her parents, John and Sophie Schill Rabito.

Survivors include two sons, Leland H. Bourgeois Jr. of Gulfport, and Kenneth John Bourgeois of Corsicana, Texas; two daughters, Brenda Pisicotta of Metairie and Jo Ann True of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a son, Anthony H. Rabito of Harahan, La.; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Wednesday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home Chapel in Bay St. Louis. Burial was in Waveland Cemetery.

**SILVIA BRUGGER**  
Mrs. Silvia Brugger, 85, of Pass Christian, died Monday, Nov. 25, 1996, in Pass Christian.

Arrangements are incomplete at Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home in Gulfport.

**SAMUEL FRANCIS**  
Samuel Clifton Francis, 86, of Waveland, died Sunday, Nov. 24, 1996, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Francis was a native of Sulphur, Okla., and a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Odus C. and Alma Ellis Francis; and a brother, Oliver Francis.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Francis of Waveland; a son, James Francis of Ocean Springs; two daughters, Susan Whitten of Baton Rouge and

Lynn Francis of Waveland; five grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

A private service will be held at a later date.

The family prefers memorials to the Arthritis Foundation. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

**JOANNA KOBERGER**  
Joanna Frances "Janie" Guagliardo Koberger, 84, of Gulfport, died Sunday, Nov. 24, 1996, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Koberger was born Oct. 13, 1912 in Bay St. Louis. She was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church of Gulfport and of the Altar Society, Bishop Gunn Council 1583 Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary and the Cursillo Movement of South Mississippi.

Mrs. Koberger was preceded in death by her husband, Charles J. Koberger; a daughter, Rose Ann Koberger; her parents, Salvatrice Trombatore Guagliardo Chiniche and Frank Guagliardo; six brothers, Joe Chiniche, Sylvester Chiniche, Peter Chiniche, Luke Chiniche, Frank Chiniche and Sylvester Guagliardo; four sisters, Josephine (Josie) Chiniche Austin, Mary Guagliardo and Josephine (Josie) Guagliardo Sandoz Michel.

Survivors include a son, Karl E. Koberger of Gulfport; a granddaughter, Lisa Joanne Koberger Harrell of Mobile, Ala.; a grandson, Jason Davis Koberger of Gulfport; and three sisters, Lucy Guagliardo and Frances Chiniche Comprett, both of Bay St. Louis, and Mary Chiniche Ruspoli of Pass Christian.

Visitation was Tuesday evening at Riemann Funeral Home in Gulfport. A Funeral Mass was celebrated Wednesday at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Gulfport. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery in Gulfport.

The family prefers donations to the St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church St. Vincent de Paul Society, 2414 17th Street,

Gulfport, MS 39501 or to the Cursillo Movement of South Mississippi, 14555 Vidalia Road, Pass Christian, MS 39571.

**FRANCIS MARSHALL II**  
Francis H. "Frank" Marshall II, 70, of Diamondhead, died Friday, Nov. 22, 1996.

Mr. Marshall was born in Chicago and spent his adult life in Milwaukee, Wis., where he was founder and owner of RPM Industries Inc. in Waukesha. He was a decorated Marine Corps veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Marcella Marshall; a son, Francis H. "Scott" Marshall III; four daughters, Elizabeth Horvath, Catherine Rick, Jeanne Bindley and Toni Saewert; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted Monday at Diamondhead Community Church.

Mr. Marshall donated his body as an anatomical gift to the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson.

The family prefers memorials to the American Lung Association, American Cancer Society or Memorial Hospital at Gulfport Hospice.

**ALTON A. MOREL**  
Alton A. Morel, 63, of Bay St. Louis, died Monday, Nov. 25, 1996, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Morel was a native of Bay St. Louis and a Catholic. He was a member of American Legion Post 139 in Bay St. Louis and a Navy veteran of the Korean War.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Theodore and Grace Gallop Morel.

Survivors include his wife, Addie Morel of Bay St. Louis; three daughters, Julie Poulen of Northfield, Vt., Tracey Morel of Perry, Fla., and Robin Morel of Bay St. Louis; three brothers, Theodore Morel Jr. of Kiln, Raymond Morel of Concord, Calif., and Pete Morel of Bay St. Louis; two sisters, Linda Fayard of Bay St. Louis, and Rita Martin of Fort Worth, Texas; and four grandchildren.

A prayer service was conducted Wednesday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Burial was in Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

**AUGUST SCAFIDI SR.**

August Joseph Scafidi Sr., 83, of Bay St. Louis, died Sunday, Nov. 24, 1996, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Scafidi was a native of Bay St. Louis and former owner of Scafidi's Wheel Inn Restaurant. He was owner of Wheel Inn Mobile Home Parks and KOA Campgrounds and was a member of Our Lady of the Gulf.

You have nothing to fear. I come to proclaim good news. The greatest worship you can give is to live joyfully because of the knowledge of God's love.

—Julian Norwich

Happiness is not perfected until it is shared.

—Anonymous

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

## Community group sets yard sale

The Waveland Community Group will sponsor a benefit yard sale, Fr. Nov. 29, 8 a.m. until at the Martin Luther King Park, Herlihy Street, Waveland.

Proceeds are to be used by the Community Group for community projects, Clarence Harris said.

For further information, or to make donations, contact Sylvester Harrington, 467-7590.

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## Three charged in burglaries

BY ED LEPOMA

Waveland police have arrested three persons on two separate burglary charges and one incident involving theft at the local Wal-Mart store.

Police Chief James Varnell said Twaskie Don Brunt, age 23, who gave his address as 210 Second Street, Long Beach, was charged last Monday with two counts of embezzlement for theft at the Waveland Wal-Mart Store, where he was employed.

Brunt worked in the automotive area at Wal-Mart, and an affidavit was signed against him alleging he had taken car stereos and was selling them. Officers said, at the time of his arrest, Brunt had one of the stolen radios in his vehicle.

Bond for Brunt was set at \$5,000, with an initial court appearance scheduled for Jan. 9.

Patrolman Mike Prendergast made the arrest, and was assisted by Wal-Mart security.

On Nov. 16, Waveland police arrested Tabarin Wesley in a laundry room of the Oak Park Apartments, 209 Waveland Avenue.

Varnell said the suspect was caught in the building after he

was observed attempting to pry open a dryer money box with a pair of bolt cutters.

Wesley listed his address as 150 Philip Drive, Waveland. Varnell said the suspect's age is 17, but he is being charged as an adult due to the felony crime. Bond for Wesley was set at \$2,000 with an initial appearance scheduled Dec. 5. Patrolman Howard Parker made the arrest.

On Nov. 22, Waveland Police arrested Dennis Gioveno Jr., 106 Hughes St., Waveland, and charged him with two counts of burglary of a residence.

Varnell said the house at 206 Peron Street was on extra patrol duty due to neighbors reporting suspicious persons in the neighborhood.

Patrolman Howard Parker caught the suspect in the house at 9:29 p.m. after discovering a side door had been pried open, Varnell said.

The subject is 17 years old, but Varnell said he would also be charged as an adult. Investigator James Goss assisted.

Bond for Gioveno was set at \$2,000, and a court appearance is scheduled Dec. 5.

## Golden deeds

The Hancock County Exchange Club's Book of Golden Deeds Award was presented to Neil Favre, center, by Amy Corr, right, and is witnessed by his wife Beth Favre.

## Bay St. Louis bans fence building

BY BETSY GAGNET

The Bay St. Louis City Council has declared a moratorium on construction of any corner fence or wall, until such time as research can be done on the City's fence and wall ordinances.

At the heart of the matter is the validity of a 1986 ordinance governing the dimensions and placement of fences.

Although the 1986 ordinance is still on the books, City Attorney John Scafide informed the Council at Tuesday's meeting it may be invalid because initial research revealed it was passed without a public hearing.

According to Scafide, a public hearing must be held before any zoning ordinance can be passed.

Councilman Jim Thrifiley said the 1986 ordinance was passed as a "safety" ordinance which would not have required a public hearing.

The discussion on the fence ordinances was prompted by a

newly constructed corner fence in Thrifiley's ward.

In assessing the situation, several ordinances regarding fences and walls were cited at the workshop Monday night, but it was unclear which was controlling.

At the meeting on Tuesday, following the information from Scafide on the 1986 ordinance, the Council voted to impose the moratorium until research on the ordinances can be done.

The question of whether a structure is a fence or a wall was also raised as there are different requirements for each.

Mayor Eddie Favre said Carriage is researching a solution to the problem of the multiple ordinances.

"Bill has come up with four or five "fence" ordinances which I've asked him to look at and make a recommendation to the Council," Favre said. "We intend to have a recommendation for the Council at the first meeting in December."

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## Optimism high for good oyster season

BY ED LEPOMA

Times are lean now, but a new oyster harvest will be

boonful.

That's the good news being spread by Dr. Cynthia Moncreiff, environmental scientist and botanist with the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory in Ocean Springs.

"If there's any good news for oystermen, it's that oysters love toxic algae created by the current red tide," she said. "This is oyster food. The oysters we're opening now (to test) are beautiful," she said.

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DMR said, "and (they) meet quality and health safety standards set by the National Shellfish Sanitation Program."

"This program specifies stringent harvesting, handling and onsite governmental inspection procedures," DMR Deputy Director Fred Deegan stated. "These procedures are standardized for all oyster producing and receiving states and carefully control shellfish interstate commerce."

Also, last Friday, Lt. Gov. Ronnie Musgrove signed a disaster declaration requesting federal assistance for the Mississippi Gulf Coast based on losses to the oyster industry.

We have been advised that at least 300 businesses, both harvesters and dealers-processors, have been affected, and estimated losses of \$58,000 per day are expected to continue for the Gulf Coast," said Musgrove.

We are requesting federal assistance to offset these losses which are the result of a natural disaster, and impact our coastal oyster business in much the same way as a hurricane or other weather-related disasters," he said.

## Book signing

James Rice, author and illustrator, will be at Bookends Bookstore in Bay St. Louis Dec. 4, 4-6 p.m.

He will be autographing the beloved *Cajun Night Before Christmas* and *An Irish Night Before Christmas* along with *Gaston, The Green-Nosed Alligator* and many more of his popular titles.

The public is invited and may call 467-9623 for information or to reserve books if unable to attend.

## Obits

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**SPURGINA THOMPSON**  
Spurgina M. Thompson, 77, of Kiln, died Thursday, Nov. 21, 1986, in Bay St. Louis.

She was a member of First Baptist Church of Kiln.

She was preceded in death by her father, Spurgeon Thompson; and her mother, Luella Acker; and brothers Edward Thompson, Wilbert Thompson and Lamar Thompson.

Survivors include a sister, Zerta Bell McDonel.

Visitation will be Friday, Nov. 29, 10 a.m.-noon at First Baptist Church of Kiln followed by services.

Burial will be in Kiln Cemetery.

Lockett-Williams Mortuary in Gulfport is in charge of arrangements.

**NIKEYA WASHINGTON**  
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Mr. Wilmet was a native and lifelong resident of New Orleans. He was a U.S. Vietnam veteran.

He was the son of James N. Wilmet Jr. of Diamondhead and the late Beatrice Smith Wilmet; stepson of Merle B. Wilmet of Diamondhead; brother of James N. Wilmet III of New Orleans; Steve L. Wilmet of Slidell; and the late George W. Wilmet, brother-in-law of Patsy S. Wilmet of Slidell and also survived by two nieces and a nephew.

Funeral services were conducted at Honaker Funeral Home in Slidell. Burial was in Gulf Coast Memorial Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

The family prefers memorials to the American Cancer Society.

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**SPURGINA THOMPSON**  
Spurgina M. Thompson, 77, of Kiln, died Thursday, Nov. 21, 1986, in Bay St. Louis.

She was a member of First

Baptist Church of Kiln.

She was preceded in death by her

father, Spurgeon Thompson;

and her mother, Luella Acker;

and brothers Edward Thompson,

Wilbert Thompson and Lamar Thompson.

Survivors include a sister, Zerta Bell McDonel.

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## "CUEVAS' QUOTES"

By Ellis C. Cuevas

Last Thursday I had an interesting media trip to Horn Island, courtesy of the National Park Service. It was a very interesting and educational trip, as it was my first visit to Horn Island.

Horn, along with Petit Bois Island as many of you know, is a wilderness island.

The reason for the media trip was to inform the public about the necessity for boaters to be properly prepared when visiting the islands.

Just think, an estimated 200,000 visitors are expected to visit the barrier islands within Gulf Islands National Seashore this year, and I am told the numbers are on the right track.

I think an interesting fact about Horn Island is, that around the turn of the century, sand from the north shore was shipped to New Orleans and used in the manufacture of glass.

While we were on the Gulf of Mexico side of Horn Island I discovered a coconut with its husk and was told it probably floated in from Columbia, or possibly Cuba, because of the Gulf's currents.

We hear a lot about the works of Ocean Springs artist Walter Anderson. Around 1947 he began to make extended trips to Horn Island.

1971, Gulf Islands Seashore was formed, following efforts by Coast community leaders. Following special surveys in 1978, Congress designated Horn Island as a Wilderness Island.

Just think, some 260 species of vascular plants, such as trees, shrubs, wildflowers and grasses have been recorded on Horn.

Myself, I just love the very high sand dunes, the peace and quiet of the area, and it seems to be a place to get away from everything.

There are not many wilderness areas left in this country and we need to protect those we still have.

I would have loved to have been on the Mississippi Gulf Coast a few years before the turn of the century just to have seen those big longleaf pines.

I read in The Echo's archives, in 1895 where an expert said there was an inexhaustible supply of longleaf pine timber in South Mississippi.

Boy, was he ever wrong. It was not too many years into the 1900's when all the virgin trees had been cut.

It is up to us to make sure nature is protected, because once a species is gone, it is all lost.

While on the subject of a species lost, Horn Island since 1989 has been a breeding ground for red wolves. The first pair, a male from the Point Defiance Zoo in the state of Washington and female from the Audubon Zoo in New Orleans were released.

That first pair led to seven offspring being placed in wildlife refuges.

Red wolves research continues at Horn Island at a reduced rate, as the pair now is reported to have one offspring.

Rangers report the addition of the wolves on Horn Island has helped in the balance of nature.

The primary food for the wolves is reported to be nutria, raccoon and cottontail rabbit.

### Letters Welcome

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers on subjects of general interest. Letters must be signed and include address or phone number so that the sender can be contacted by the newspaper if necessary. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double spaced, and conform to standards of good taste.

Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are considered inappropriate for the *Letters to the Editor* columns.

—Ellis Cuevas, publisher

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Reader concerned about ants at walking track

Dear Editor:

I am a regular user of the Hancock County Walking Track on Hwy. 90. I have noticed lately a great increase in the number and size of fire-ant mounds around the track.

This morning on my walk I decided to count them. I found 91 alongside the track and made no attempt to count those

in the middle of the track.

I realize that there are more pressing problems than the increase in the fire-ant population. However, I do feel that it was not the intention of those who built the track that it should become an ant farm.

R. R. Fitch  
Waveland

### FROM THE STATE AUDITOR

Q & A  
By Steven A. Patterson

#### COUNTIES

Q May counties pay past due retirement contributions, plus interest, for constables on fees earned by them?

A No. (Attorney General's opinion to Goodwin dated Sept. 6, 1996)

Q May counties "write off" uncollectible county debts such as unpaid garbage fees?

A No. However, for accounting purposes they may be placed in "inactive" accounts. Any such debts could be collected if circumstances changed at a later date. (Attorney General's opinion to Bell dated

Sept. 6, 1996)

Q May a county conduct circuit court in another county while its courthouse is being renovated?

A No. Circuit Court must be held within the boundaries of the county. (Attorney General's opinion to Lee dated Aug. 30, 1996)

Q May the reimbursement to a member of the board of supervisors in a unit county for use of a privately owned vehicle relative to inspection of the county roads be paid out of the road fund?

A Yes. (Attorney General's opinion to Gex dated Aug. 29, 1996)

## LET'S ALL BE LITTER FREE!



## EYES ON MISSISSIPPI

By Bill Minor

### Nelson's book "Terror In The Knight" back in print

Jack Nelson's book "Terror In The Night," telling the extraordinary story how Jews in Jackson and Meridian in 1968, working with the FBI, set a trap for a Klan terrorist bomber, is back in print thanks to the University Press of Mississippi.

Initially published in 1993 by Simon and Schuster, "Terror" had a good first run, but strangely the publishing house let it go out of print. Now University Press, picking up the rights, has put ex-Mississippi Nelson back on the bookshelves. The hardback is at \$22 and the paperback at \$16.

Nelson, who still claims Biloxi as his home, is the longtime Washington bureau chief for the Los Angeles Times and well known to television audiences nationally for his network appearances. He is best known for having been a regular on public broadcasting's "Washington Week in Review."

Every Mississippian should know how Klan terror, after years of being directed at blacks in this state, was shifted in the late 1960s at the relatively small but influential Jewish community. Nelson's book is an intriguing story, untold at the time, of how the terrorized Mississippi Jews could endure no more and helped arrange the ambush that stopped the night-riding terror.

It is a thriller and none of it fiction, told by Nelson step by chilling step in the highly readable style of one of the nation's top journalists. Nelson, who covered the civil rights struggle in the South throughout the 1960s, had become intrigued with the story behind the Klan terror against Jews in Jackson and Meridian, which ended in the ambush of the Klan's "mad bomber," Thomas A. Tarrants.

For several years Nelson pored through FBI files and made frequent trips back and forth to Mississippi to dig out the story with numerous interviews of what had been a bizarre, untold story.

Initially it had come to Nelson through a seemingly wild tip that the ambush was set up as a trap by Meridian Police and FBI with the bait furnished by the Jewish community.

Through methodical pursuit, Nelson unraveled the closely-held details. Nelson's task was to ferret out who had been the heroes and the fringe of Klan violence.

To bait the trap it took money to buy the Roberts brothers into the plot. That's what the Jewish community was willing and ready to do and they delivered \$25,000 collected in Jackson to the police and FBI team in Meridian.

Because the Roberts brothers were trusted in the Klan's highest circles, they were able to name the bombing target they desired for the Jackson bombers to hit and when.

Meyer Davidson was their choice, they so informed the Jackson operatives. With money in hand, the Roberts brothers sealed the deal in a house trailer in Meridian with the police/FBI team.

In a last-minute switch that nobody in the waiting bevy of armed officers stashed in the bush across from the Davidson home knew about, Tarrants brought Ainsworth instead of Hawkins. Ainsworth, somewhat incredulous, had taught elementary school in Jackson without ever being suspected of her outside life as a Klan terrorist.

Nelson, here on a speaking appearance at St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral and a book signing last week, agreed that moral and ethical questions naturally arise from the FBI and law enforcement officers being part of what can be construed as a trap.

He denied, however, that the intent of the trap was already known to the FBI and law enforcement officials.

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## IN AND AROUND DIAMONDHEAD

By Margaret Williamson

### Santa's coming

#### DYO

Santa's coming for breakfast and pictures Saturday, Dec. 7, 9-11 a.m., at the Community Center. The Diamondhead Youth Organization invites children, parents and friends to come for raffles and prizes and pictures at \$3 each or 2/\$5.

#### HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

At the Diamondhead Business and Professional's Merchants Fair Wednesday, Dec. 4, 5-9 p.m. at the Resort Inn. Music by PrimeTime, entertainment by The Dance Co., fashions by LL Ltd., Just Judy's and Southern Child. Great food and grand prizes. Come say hello and Merry Christmas to your Diamondhead Merchants.

#### AARP PARTY

For the next meeting, a Christmas dinner with all the trimmings will be served Friday, Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. at the Community Church.

Nothing to bring, but please send \$6 per person to Walter Stone, #7 Whispering Branch (The Oaks) Diamondhead no later than Nov. 30.

#### DEADLINE

Don't miss the Newcomer's annual Christmas party luncheon. Santa and Bill Connelly (Mr. Music) will be there Friday, Dec. 6, 11:30 a.m. at the Diamondhead Resort Inn.

Send checks for reservation to Johnnie Boatright, 5636 Ahawna Place no later than Monday, Dec. 2.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

For those folks with busy schedules, Diamondhead Community Church is having an early worship service in addition to the 10 a.m. service starting this Sunday, Dec. 1 at 8 a.m.

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## Christmas home tour

Mississippi Homemaker Volunteers of Hancock County is sponsoring a Christmas Tour of Homes in historic Jackson Barracks in New Orleans Thursday, Dec. 12.

Tour includes round trip transportation on a chartered bus, a visit to five beautifully decorated homes, home-baked refreshments, entertainment, boutique of hand-made items and lunch at the Officers Club.

The bus will then take participants to the Riverwalk for shopping or visiting Jackson Square and the French Market.

Bus leaves Delchamps/Waveland at 8:30 a.m. and returns about 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$25.25 per person.

For more information, call Adele at 466-3937 or Inez at 467-5018.

Make checks payable to MHV-Hancock County (for Christmas tour) and mail to Inez Olivier, 816 Villere, Waveland, MS 39576.

## Republican women to meet

The Hancock County Republican Women's Club annual Christmas luncheon will be Thursday, Dec. 5, 11 a.m. at Casino Magic's new Veranda Room.

Reservations need to be made with Juanita Brinemade, club treasurer, at 255-2622. Cost is \$12 per person. Deadline for reservations is noon Tuesday, Dec. 3.

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## Waveland Now Has Curbside Recycling

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM ...

**I11** Between collection days, store your mixed glass, cans and plastic in the recycling bin provided free of charge by the Hancock County Solid Waste District.

**GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS:** Please recycle clear, green and brown bottles and jars only. They must be rinsed and unbroken. Please do not recycle pesticide or other household chemical containers. We also cannot take window glass, Pyrex or drinking glasses.

**PLASTIC BOTTLES:** Please recycle plastic bottles used for soft drinks, juices and other beverages, milk, and other common household liquids such as laundry detergent. Acceptable plastic bottles will have a recycling symbol on the bottom surrounding the numbers 1 or 2. Below the recycling symbol you will either see the letters PETE or HDPE. Please remove any lids, rinse and flatten if at all possible. As with glass, do not recycle plastic bottles that contained pesticides, oil or other hazardous chemicals.

**CANS:** Please recycle aluminum and steel cans used for foods or beverages. Rinse beverage cans and wash food cans. You may flatten cans to save space but do not nest aluminum and steel cans together. Please do not recycle paint or aerosol cans.

**I21** Store your newspapers separated from the mixed containers. When you set your recycling container out at the street, place the newspapers on top.

**NEWSPAPER:** Please keep your newspapers clean and as dry as possible. Do not bundle newspapers. Use the elastic cords and hook attached to your recycling bin to secure them. Please do not recycle newspaper that is contaminated with food or paint or that is soaking wet.

**I31** Store your MIXED PAPER separately in paper bags. On your collection day, place the bag(s) of mixed paper on top of the newspapers in your recycling bin and secure the bags and newspapers with the attached cords and hooks.

**MIXED PAPER** includes magazines and catalogs; writing paper, junk mail and envelopes; cereal, tissue and shoe boxes; office and school paper; telephone books and paper bags. Please remember, mixed paper must be dry and free of food, waxed or carbon paper, foil, plastic or metal. Open and inspect all junk mail for contaminants before you recycle it.

**I41** If rain is predicted for your collection day, cover the papers with a plastic trash bag before you connect the elastic cords. This will help keep the papers dry. We will leave the plastic bag in the recycling bin for you to use again.

**I51** Place your recycling bin as close to the road as possible without obstructing traffic or pedestrians. If your bin is partially hidden by a bush, tree or fence, our driver may not be able to see it. We will not jump over drainage ditches to get a recycling containers. We will leave your empty recycling bin in the same place where you set it out unless there is a problem with the location you chose. If we leave it in a different location, we are recommending it as a better alternative.

**I61** Please put your recycling container out for collection by 7:30 AM on your collection day.

### Waveland Collection Days

**TUESDAY:  
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North of Hwy. 90 and West of Waveland Ave.  
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### Household Recycling Containers

The Hancock County Solid Waste District is providing a free recycling container for households in Waveland that want to participate in the curbside recycling program. Simply call 467-9268 and a container will be delivered to your home. Until your container is delivered you may use a box to set your recyclables at the street on your collection day.

### New Drop-Off Recycling Centers

There are now three Drop-Off Recycling Centers to serve all residents of Hancock County. Each has separate bins for all the materials listed above except for mixed paper.

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## Services

munications and dispatching services throughout Hancock County.

The work session lasted more than an hour, but the message relayed by city representatives was that any decision on consolidation would be based on costs that would have to be borne by the taxpayers.

Waveland Fire Chief David Garcia said his city is providing excellent communications services between all city departments and invested under \$100,000.

"Put it on a ballot and get a vote of the people. I agree (consolidation) would improve services, but what is it going to cost the taxpayers," Garcia asked.

Waveland Alderman Tommy Longo said he would have to see the final cost estimates before agreeing to any consolidation.

"It doesn't do us much good if we spend all our money on communications, and don't have money left to extend water lines to fight a fire," said Longo.

At first, talks centered around consolidating emergency 911 calls with claims that it would speed about response time in emergency situations, but Moran kept insisting the time was ripe for total consolidation.

Sheehy estimates a linkup with a communications system that now links five Mississippi counties to the north of Hancock might be accomplished with an investment of around \$1.5 million. Total consolidation would cost about \$5 million, he said.

He also told supervisors a meeting is set up with Stennis officials to see whether the county might link up with its communications system, at a lesser cost.

Supervisors asked Jeff Loftus with the Gulf Regional Planning Commission to make a "needs assessment" and to see whether any grant funds are available. They also plan to inform Stennis officials they would welcome further talks with them about tying into their communications system.

Hope Haven's Executive Director Terry Latham was also invited to the workshop to discuss possible ways to get long-range funding for the non-profit shelter opened last June to temporarily house the county's abused and neglected children.

Latham told supervisors Hope Haven is \$50,000 to \$70,000 short of the money it needs to remain open through this fiscal year. He said he and the Hope Haven Board of directors continue to search out federal and state grants to help the shelter.

Supervisors instructed Loftus to search out requirements of a community-block grant that might be used to fund the present shelter or build a new one.

Latham said if funds can be found to build a county shelter, Hope Haven's Board has agreed to sell its present shelter and use the proceeds to match the grant.

In several previous meetings,

Moran has mentioned the possibility of having the county tack an additional \$1 fee on traffic fines issued in the county with proceeds going to Hope Haven, but that is only expected to bring in \$10,000 to \$12,000 more a year, unless the cities agreed to also impose the extra \$ fee on municipal traffic offenses.

In a recess meeting Nov. 20, Supervisors concurred in a Port and Harbor recommendation to award another contract for work on Wellman's Pearl River Plant being constructed at the Port Bienville Industrial Park.

P&H Executive Director Hal Walters said SCI Inc., of Biloxi was the low bidder on a contract to begin installing underground utilities.

The low bid submitted was \$229,400, and Walters later told the Echo more contracts would be awarded soon for more required utility work.

Moran, noting that SCI was criticized for the delay in completing the four-laning of Hwy. 603, said, "I hope this (a delay) doesn't happen again."

Walters said Wellman required SCI to post a performance bond and will monitor daily progress.

At the start of Wednesday's meetings, the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources presented a check for \$375,000, to supervisors representing Hancock County's portion of Tidelands monies going to counties impacted by casinos.

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The monies are already earmarked for a \$1.2 million county marina planned at the foot of Pleasure Street in Bayou Caddy.

And, Jim Manness, who wants to build a casino on his South Beach Boulevard property, told supervisors there were errors in a recently issued joint public notice.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineers on Oct. 18 issued a study on the Mississippi coastline designating areas where casinos might pose environmental concerns.

Manness said the joint statement designates the waterbottom area between the bayou known as Sand Bayou and Bayou Caddy (his property) as an area that contains public beaches, and is not suitable for casino development.

"This area has no known history of either public or private beaches," said Manness. "This area should not be designated as an area of most concern."

Manness said he planned to point out this and other errors in the report to the two federal agencies, which have asked for public comment.

Before adjourning, Circuit Clerk Pam Metzler asked supervisors for a \$300 contribution to decorate the county courthouse for Christmas activities planned Dec. 7. The monies will come out of the county's advertising budget, and District 2 Supervisor Rocky Pullman cast the lone vote against the expenditure.

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## Property

spite a warning by Chairman Vernon Asper that the Commission was "setting a dangerous precedent."

Asper failed to get a second to reconsider the decision, and warned, "Others will want their designation changed to enhance the value of their property."

The citizens and environmentalist groups charged that the Commission approved an adjustment to the Coastal Wetlands Use Plan "without providing adequate notice to the public or governmental entities, without conducting a public hearing, and without making specific findings of fact to support the adjustment."

Manness, who owns parts of 60 acres of waterbottoms, had successfully argued before the CMR that errors were made in

the original Coastal Zone Management Plan drawn up in 1980.

Originally, the site was designated a "P-or Preservation" Zone because of claims there was seagrasses in the area, but Manness hired a leading botanist who claimed there "never was and never will be seagrass in the area."

The property was then rezoned "S-2" and preserved for oyster leases, but Manness argued, "again successfully," that state law forbids setting aside waterbottoms for leasing because property owners have rights to land stretching 750 yards from shore.

The site was then designated a "G-Residential and Recreation" zone, reserved for recreational use, such as swimming or

boating.

Manness claimed less than one person a day used the area for swimming or boating, and it should be rezoned "C-Commercial." He also obtained resolutions from the Hancock County Board of Supervisors, the Hancock County legislative delegation and others supporting the zoning change, and his proposed casino development.

A spokesperson for the CMR said the Commission's legal counsel would advise members of their options at the December meeting.

The CMR or Manness has 30 days to appeal the court's decision or the CMR could begin the whole process over again, and hold public hearings on the rezoning request, as ordered by Judge Teel.

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ordinance would require pawn shop owners to complete forms recommended by the Waveland Police department on every transaction. The law was to have taken effect Nov. 1, but the aldermen agreed to place it in abeyance pending an Attorney General's written opinion on whether the ordinance is more stringent than state requirements.

State law prohibits municipalities from enacting ordinances "more restrictive" than state ordinances. Statutes enacted in 1993 require owners to complete a detailed form on each transaction providing, among other things, a detailed description of the merchandise including model and serial number, the name, residence, address, weight and description of the pledgor or seller, and the individual's driver's license number or social security number.

Waveland police officials are endorsing a form that would include a copy of the photo identification presented by the seller or pledgor as well as a thumbprint of that individual.

Alderman Jay Fleriet, and Waveland Pawn owner Brenda Ruffin are claiming the proposal is illegal because it extends beyond what state law requires.

Ruffin said she is already using a form that meets those requirements, and that to comply with the new form, she would have to invest in a costly copy machine.

The form Ruffin is using is filled out in triplicate, with one copy specifically designated to go to the police. Waveland police periodically pick up the forms from both Waveland Pawn and Pinky's Late Night Pawn.

City attorney Dennis Aragues Jr. said the city's own opinion was to support the new ordinance.

garding the fingerprints," Aragues said. "If the Attorney General says (the form) is okay, (Ruffin) will have to use it."

Ruffin said her patrons may be intimidated, or even offended, by the fingerprint requirement.

"We will have to treat our regular customers like criminals," Ruffin said. "I am like a bank. You don't have to (be fingerprinted) at Hancock Bank. Do you fight City Hall? I was going to let it go. But we are already giving them exact copies

of what they want."

"I know who to mess with," she added. "I have called the police when I have been suspicious."

"It's like they are picking on me," said Ruffin, whose store was hit with a surprise visit from John Sinclair of the State Department of Banking, the pawn shops' regulatory arm.

"I'm giving them exact copies of everything they want," she added. "I work with all of the police agencies."

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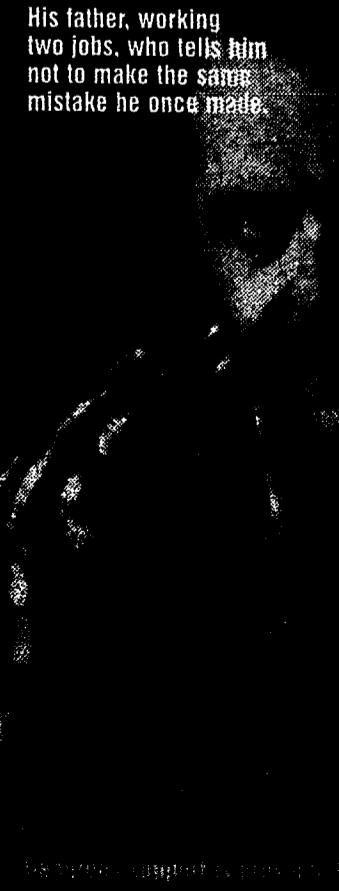
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# SPORTS

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## The Bob Harmon Football Forecast

### NFL Forecast for Thursday, Sunday and Monday

Nov. 28, Dec. 1-2

**Dallas, 21—Washington, 19** (Thursday) We don't think the Redskins can generate enough offense against the Cowboys defense to win. Keep in mind, though, that a much weaker Washington team beat a much stronger Dallas team twice in '95.

**Kansas City, 24—Detroit, 15** Here's the Chiefs' chance to make it four in a row against NFC Central teams: They've already beaten Minnesota, Green Bay and Chicago this season. Kansas City hasn't met the Lions in six years.

**Buffalo, 26—Indianapolis, 20** (Sunday) In a near-four-hour marathon in October, the Bills,

led by backup QB Todd Collins, beat the Colts 16-13 on Steve Christie's 39-yard field goal in OT. Buffalo is clearly the better team this time.

**Carolina, 19—Tampa Bay, 12**

The Buccaneers made the most of four Panthers turnovers in last year's matchup, escaping with a 20-13 win. Carolina's backfield should cut loose while its defense goes about shutting T.B. down.

**Denver, 29—Seattle, 16** Tossing two TD passes and running for a third, John Elway directed the Broncos to a 30-20 win over the Seahawks in Week Two. Seattle's offense can keep most games close, but Denver's D is too strong.

**Green Bay, 28—Chicago, 13**

Fueled by four TD passes by Brett Favre, the Packers rolled to their fifth in a row over the Bears eight weeks ago, 37-6. G.B. is better with and without the ball, and Chicago is falling

fast.

**Houston, 20—N.Y. Jets, 14** A one-trick offense — run and run some more — isn't all the Oilers will need to get past the Jets. Their weak secondary will be sent scrambling by N.Y.'s passing attack. Houston won 23-6 in '96.

**Jacksonville, 22—Cincinnati, 10**

The Bengals scored 21 fourth-quarter points against the Jaguars five weeks ago to give new head coach Bruce Coslet his first win, 28-21. The Jags are better than their record — and this opponent.

**Miami, 24—Oakland, 21** We'll call this one the Battle of Remo. Frustrations because both clubs expected so much more of themselves this year.

**Minnesota, 17—Arizona, 16** Just when you think the Vikings are contenders, they lose to

the 39-17 49ers blowout in September, when the Falcons moved the ball but gave it away four times. At home, Atlanta will make it interesting.

**New England, 30—San Diego, 28** If you like lots of passing, don't miss this air war. Both the Patriots' and Chargers' offenses live by the pass and both defenses die by it. Surprisingly, N.E. has won seven in a row from S.D.

**New Orleans, 13—St. Louis, 9**

Neither the Saints nor the Rams can move the ball against anyone else, but maybe they'll go wild against each other. Or maybe not. Last year each team won at home, St. Louis 17-13 and N.O. 19-10.

**Philadelphia, 23—N.Y. Giants, 17**

Sacking Giants QB Dave Brown eight times and limiting N.Y. to 150 net yards — 59 in the second half — the Eagles corralled the Giants 19-10 in October. Once more, Philly's defense will dominate.

**Pittsburgh, 32—Baltimore, 19**

The Steelers rode Mike Tomczak's red-hot first-half passing and Jerome Bettis's 116 rushing yards to a 31-17 win over the Ravens in Week Two. Pittsburgh will need stellar pass defense to repeat.

**San Francisco, 27—Atlanta, 22**

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## BETWEEN THE LINES

By Richard Meek.

An arctic wind swept across the Bay of St. Louis, leaving a deep chill that even had the nutrias scurrying for warmer digs at the Bridges at Casino Magic Golf Course.

But the cold blast did little to slow frantic workers furiously attempting to put the final touches on the course. After enduring more delays than a Saturday morning tee time, The Bridges' pro Joel Jacobson said the course is scheduled to open in mid-January. A sprawling new clubhouse, which is only now being framed, is also expected to open at that time.

The latest possible opening date for the course would be Jan. 24, when the prestigious National Football League Players' Association's annual Alumni Tournament is scheduled at the Magic track. That tournament will be held in conjunction with Super Bowl activities in New Orleans.

Jacobson is already reserving tee times beginning Feb. 1, and he said the dates are rapidly filling. Tee times are scheduled in 10-minute intervals.

But weather, already the culprit of some delays, may again play a factor. Fairways do not grow when the temperature dips below 62 degrees, and greens go dormant under 67 degrees.

"This (cold) weather is definitely not helping us at all," Jacobson said. "We need warm weather."

An opening target date of Labor Day was originally set, but weather, the difficulty of constructing a golf course around environmentally fragile wetlands, and a shortage of a specialty Bermuda grass have all contributed to the five-month delay.

Delays have already forced the cancellation of two tournaments that were scheduled in December.

"We have had some trouble getting the blend of Bermuda we are using," Jacobson said. "We finished sodding the last

three holes about a month ago. We had a hard summer, but with the soft base when you get an inch and a half of rain, your equipment cannot get on the course for several days.

"But the course is rapidly growing in. When we open, it will be a quality golf course."

Exactly when a course is mature enough to withstand daily

play is at best an educated guess, but Jacobson said several criteria will be used to evaluate the course's readiness. Those criteria include examination of divots to determine the thickness of the fairways, rivets created by carts, how well the greens are rolled out, how receptive the greens are to incoming shots, and analysis of spike and ball marks on the green.

"Honestly, I can't hardly find any ball marks," said Jacobson, who has played the course on several occasions. "The greens are holding amazingly well, but I don't know what to expect (because of their immaturity)."

Once opened, golfers will be treated to a beautiful layout that is intimidating by sight, but vulnerable to low scores. Instead of disturbing the fragile environment, Arnold Palmer has been able to design a golf course that takes advantage of the natural marsh and wetlands. What's left is a course that not only esthetically pleasing, but environmentally friendly.

The course's signature hole may eventually be the eighth, a short par-4 that dares the long hitter to drive the green. The tee offers a panoramic view of nature's best, with the marsh framing the fairway and green before drifting away and merging with the Bay of St. Louis.

The premium placed on accuracy at The Bridges is an equalizer for the short hitters. Distance is a non-factor, accurate iron play a necessity. Mounds standing as centuries around most greens will ricochet errant approaches toward nearby water hazards or sand traps (traps are present on 17 holes).

"The course looks a little threatening," Jacobson said. "That's a great trademark."

"Some holes will be intimidating. On some holes, where you have a long carry, you just have to let it go. There are some holes where you can't just guide the ball."

"For the power person, there is no room of advantage. He added: "Good iron players will shine."

"The course isn't unplayable. It's not long, and the water (present on nearly every hole) is more intimidating by sight."

The finishing holes, especially the last two, may be the most challenging. The 17th is a longish par-4 with water and residents' backyards on the right, and semi-marsh guarding the left. An approach is hit to a large but well-guarded green.

A monster par-5, measuring nearly 600 yards from the back tees, provides a dramatic finale. A large, undulating green snuggles up to a pond, with traps looming as added security.

"The last four holes will spoil a lot of lunches," Jacobson said. "They are good finishing holes."

Once opened, Jacobson said he is hoping the course will host 25,000 rounds in its first year, although marketing experts from Golf Digest magazine on a recent visit told him that projection is conservative. Green fees and a cart will cost \$75, although Jacobson said he is toying with the idea of twilight rates, and reduced rates for Hancock County residents.

"We want to make the locals happy," he said.

For many golfers, that happiness will come with the addition of a quality course in an area, with the exception of Diamondhead, that cries for good tracks.

Congratulations are in order to the organizers of the First Scott Demboski Golf Tournament held last Friday at Pass Christian Isles. Proceeds from the tournament will help defray the costs of construction of the Demboski Soccerplex.

In Thursday's game at Scooba, freshman forward Teddy Poole of Poplarville had a personal season high of 20 points for the night to lead PRCC, while freshman point guard Todd Daniels, the team's leading scorer out of West Marion High School, was right behind with 19.

Pearl River led 35-33 at the half, but the host Lions fought back to deadlock things at 72-all at the end of regulation.

In the overtime period, EMC had an 11-10 advantage to take the one-point victory.

Launching a golf tournament,

## Magic course to open in January

can be a nightmare, and participation in the inaugural year is traditionally low. But nearly 130 golfers signed up, and the tournament went off with few nitches.

Additionally, all of the holes were sponsored, another rarity for a first year tournament, and business participation was

high. Such early success should only be a prelude of larger and better events to come.

Those helping organize the event, which raised over \$6,000, were Janice Young, Buz Olson, Pat Rich, Dina Hitt, Christy, and Lloyd Nicoud and Ray Kidd.



**Demboski winners**

The team of Brian and Larry Lebon, Harry Stumpf and Supervisor Lisa Coward won first place in the First Scott Demboski Memorial Soccerplex Golf Scramble at Pass Christian Isles. The foursome of Destin Brady, Jeff Young, Monty Strong and Scottie Adams was second. The third place team was Mark and Craig Gambino, Francisco Colon and Scott Favre. Favre also won Longest Drive. Closest to the Hole awards went to Tim Kohler and Herb Eppert. (Echo staff photo by Richard Meek)

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## Stanislaus falls to Biloxi, 60-38

BY RICHARD MEEK

Mention patience, and St. Stanislaus coach Jay Ladner smiles.

"With the return of only one starter, Ladner realizes that as he nurtures his team from cradle to maturity his patience will be tested. Just how severely was evidenced on Tuesday night when the Rocks scored only 12 points over the final 16 minutes in a 60-38 loss to Biloxi in the second game of a four-game prep card at the Coast Coliseum.

After closing a 29-21 halftime deficit to 31-28 with 4:10 remaining in the third quarter, SSC, 4-2, the Rocks scored only two points over the next eight minutes. Stanislaus managed only 16 second-half points.

"It was a good learning experience," Ladner said. "I was surprised we were so close at the half. We got behind early (17-4) but hung in there and made a game of it."

Based on scouting reports and a significant size disadvantage, Ladner had the Rocks open with a sagging zone defense. That suited the Indians just fine, however, as Ronald Dupree nailed a pair of first quarter three-pointers and Richard Lee added another. Five minutes into the game, SSC was trailing 17-4, forcing Ladner to go to a man-to-man

defense.

"We were gambling a little bit with the zone," Ladner said. "We wanted to force them to shoot from outside. They shot the ball better than I had seen them."

The Rocks closed the first half on 7-4 run and outscored Biloxi 6-2 to begin the third quarter to pull to within 31-28 with 4:10 remaining. But the Indians answered with an 11-2 run to take a 42-30 lead at the end of the third quarter.

Patrick Bass scored eight of his game-high 17 points for the Indians in the decisive run.

"We lost our composure a little," Ladner said. "There was one stretch where we had several turnovers and they converted and got their cushion back."

"We are young and inexperienced," he added. "It will take a little time. If they play hard and hustle, I can live with the mistakes. The winning will take care of itself."

"We are playing to prepare for the district tournament."

Honore Hazeur was the only Rock in double figures with 11 points. He also had four steals and four rebounds.

Dupree finished with 14 points and seven rebounds.

Stanislaus is idle until Monday when the Rocks play at Resurrection.



Soccer action

Michelle Perniciaro, above, heading the ball over the reach of the goalie, and Amanda Kingston, below, firing the ball on goal, each scored for the Bay High School Lady Tigers in a 2-0 soccer victory over Harrison Central Saturday. Sky Thomas recorded the shutout in goal. The Lady Tigers are 4-0 after a 9-0 victory over North Forrest on Tuesday night. Bay High has outscored its opponents 25-0. Against North Forrest, Perniciaro scored a pair of goals and Michelle Carbon, Ashley Ponder, Jennifer Storey, Rachel Perniciaro, Mandi French, Katie Diebenetto and Amanda Kingston had one each. The team, coached by Ken Matthew, reached the championship game of the state playoffs last year. Matthew also coaches the boys team, which whipped North Forrest 10-1 on Tuesday. Greg Dupuy and Jeffrey Rose each scored two goals for the Tigers, 2-0-2. In other girls' action, Our Lady Academy downed Harrison Central 3-0. Emily Meyers scored all three of the Lady Crescents' goals. OLA is 5-0-1. In boys' action, St. Stanislaus dropped a 1-0 decision to Harrison Central. The Rocks are 2-1. (Photos by Randy Ponder)

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Cheering on the Wildcats

Pearl River Community College cheerleader Jamie Rodriguez of Waveland did an outstanding job in cheering on the Wildcat football team.

## Basketball roundup

Alicia Gavagnin (left) scored 19 points to lead Bay High's Lady Tigers to a 63-16 victory over Pearl River Central on Tuesday night. The Lady Tigers led 26-0 at the end of the first quarter and 42-3 at the half. Bay High, 5-2, 2-1, also defeated Hancock on Saturday night. In other girls' action, Hancock, led by Mindy Ladner's 15 points, defeated Poplarville, 55-50. The Lady Hawks are 5-3, 1-1. In boys' action, Bay High defeated Hancock 67-57. Reion Galloway scored 15 points and Mark Price 13 for the Tigers, 2-4, 1-2. Bay High's two victories matches the Tigers' total number of wins a year ago. Bay High led 30-22 at the half and 52-43 at the end of three quarters. Pass Christian, led by Sammy Morgan's 10 points, downed Resurrection 56-46. The Pirates are 5-3. (Echo staff photo by Richard Meek)

## Confidence, basic patterns important in bass fishing

When all else fails, return to the basics.

That has always been professional bass angler Bud Pruitt's philosophy, and he proved how important it can be during the recent Bass Masters Classic world championship on Alabama's Lay Lake.

Pruitt finished fourth in the three-day event, creeling 23 pounds, six ounces of bass. What's amazing is that the Houston pro caught more than 15 pounds of those fish the final day when conditions were the most difficult. He began the last day in 29th place after weighing in a total of just four bass the previous two days.

"I realized the techniques I had been using simply were not producing enough bass to finish well in the tournament," says Pruitt. "So I changed tactics completely and started pitching a plastic worm into shallow grassbeds, a very basic pattern and basic patterns you know best,

using. Looking back now, I certainly wish I'd spent all three days doing it."

Only after a second frustrating day that saw him going down the score sheet instead of up, did Pruitt return to the basics.

Using his favorite plastic worm rig, Pruitt began pitching the outside edge of the weedline where he found the bass in less than four feet of water. He caught his limit within his first hour of fishing.

"Even in the hot summer, bass will be around vegetation," advises Pruitt, "especially along the outside edge in slightly deeper water. The key for me was concentrating on irregularities along that edge, such as points and small openings, which is also a basic rule of fishing grasslines. To me, this tournament proved you should stay with the techniques and basic patterns you know best."

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# BUSINESS NEWS

THE SEA COAST ECHO—THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1996-11



## New convenience store

Kenny Allison, who owns several gas station/convenience stores in the area, says construction will begin in February at Hwy. 90 and Lower Bay Road on a 3,500-square-foot Chevron facility, with a deli. He estimates the new store might be open for late May. (Echo staff photo by Ed Lepoma)

## Jobless rate inches down

Some of the same seasonal factors present last month were in effect as Mississippi's October unemployment rate inched downward, bettering the September rate by one-tenth of a percentage point. According to officials at the Mississippi Employment Security Commission, the 5.2 percent rate was the lowest for the month of October since 1979. It also compared well to the 5.6 percent figure recorded in October of last year.

Raiford Crews, chief of Labor Market Information, said, "This really is an excellent report, since it shows a gain of 5,500 employed persons over the year as well as a loss of 4,900 from the ranks of the unemployed." This occurred despite the down-sizing taking place in many industry sectors over the past 12 months.

The total labor force grew by only 600 since October of 1995, overcome by the loss of 14,000 manufacturing jobs by posting increases in other areas. Manufacturing

facturing losses continued to be evenly divided between durable and nondurable goods producers. One key in the overall gains was a 3,700 person increase posted in the construction industry.

Service producing jobs continued to lead the way in employment growth totaling 783,300 persons in October, which compared to 780,900 one month ago and 779,100 during October of last year. Specifically, government (+4,600), amusements, including casinos (+3,300) and health services (+1,400) were the biggest gainers in the service producing categories.

These date indicate continued growth is possible over the next several months, with service industries likely to provide much of the impetus," Crews said. This is a nationwide trend and there is nothing on the horizon to indicate any departure from these tendencies.



## Appraisers honored

Sandra Phillips and Lucy Payne of S. M. Phillips Appraisal Service were honored for their outstanding performance at the 1996 PHH Real Estate Network Regional Seminar held in Nashville, Tenn., in October.

The three-day seminar was attended by more than 525 relocation and real estate professionals, including appraisers and real estate brokers. The firm received the award for outstanding appraisal accuracy over the past year.

Jeanne Arendt, PHH regional director, had high praise for the firm.

"S. M. Phillips Appraisal Service should be extremely proud of their accomplishments this year. In a very important phase of our business, they exceed expectations for accuracy and are the leaders in their market. PHH is pleased to have this opportunity to recognize their accomplishments."

Phillips, owner of S. M. Phillips Appraisal Service, said the award was something the entire firm had worked to achieve.

"Our goal is to be the best, and we could not have achieved our goal without the efforts of everyone in our organization," she said.

Seminar participants exchanged information and ideas and attended interactive workshops on real estate and relocation.

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## Legislative reception planned by area groups

With the goal of improving the quality of life along the Mississippi Gulf Coast and throughout the state, area chambers of commerce, businesses and economic development organizations are joining forces to host the 1997 Legislative Reception at the Mississippi Museum of Art in Jackson. The event will take place from 5:30-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 28.

The 1996 Legislative Reception was an overwhelming success with more than 1,000 people in attendance, including all of the legislators from the three Mississippi Gulf Coast counties, 131 of 174 state legislators, members of the Governor's staff and Trent Lott and members of his staff.

The event stressed the importance of funding for north-

south corridors along the Mississippi Gulf Coast — a project of critical importance to the economic future of the Gulf Coast and the state. The planned expansion of Lorraine Road is an illustration of this effort. This year plans are in the works to make the event bigger, better and even more effective.

The 1997 reception will feature a Mardi Gras theme complete with authentic cuisine provided by the Mississippi Gulf Coast restaurants.

Anyone interested in participating in this unique opportunity to speak face-to-face with elected officials and to show a unified effort and interest in legislation affecting AMississippi may contact one of the local chambers of commerce for more information.

## Farm credit reports strong nine months

New Farm Credit loans for rural properties thus far this year have surpassed new loan origination volume of any year in the Farm Credit Bank of Texas' history. The bank, which finances rural land and homes through 46 Federal Land Bank Associations in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas, reported year-to-date new mortgage loan originations totaling \$418 million.

"In the first nine months of the year, we already had eclipsed our previous annual new loan record of \$408.2 million set in 1981," said Arnold R. Henson, chief executive officer. "We project we will exceed \$500 million in new volume by year-end 1996."

Henson attributed several factors to the record-setting new loan growth — a generally favorable economic climate, increased marketing efforts and favorable interest rates. After the first nine months of the year, new loans started earlier in the year (which accounted for lower loan originations in the first half of the year).

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## Public Notice

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF HANCOCK  
ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS:  
FRANK E. PENTON, Sr., Deceased  
NO. 96-0621

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 10 day of November, 1996, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Administrators of FRANK E. PENTON, Sr., deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for Probate and registered according to law within ninety (90) days from the date, or they will be forever barred.

This the 10 day of November, 1996.

SUSAN B. PENTON  
Administrator

J. P. COMPTETTA  
Administrator  
American Beach Blvd.  
P.O. Box 128  
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520  
(601) 467-1010  
MS Bar No. 9429

11-21; 11-28; 12-5-96

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Interested bidders may pick up specifications at City Hall from the Municipal Clerk's Office, 111 Court Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, 39520. If you would like to receive a copy of the plans, contact the Municipal Clerk's Office, Bay St. Louis, Attn: Wendy Marshall, P.O. Box 128, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521, (601) 467-0027.

We will start meeting bids Monday, December 30, 1996 at 4:00 P.M.

JOHN A. SCARFIE, PADM  
DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK  
11-28; 12-5-96

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the Director of Medical Marijuana Treatment System to purchase one each Marijuana Treatment System with Electrodes Caps and Pad. For further information and specifications, contact Bernard Chevalier, 801-467-8719.

Medical Marijuana Treatment System will be used by the Director of Medical Marijuana Treatment System to treat patients suffering from chronic pain.

The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Bids will be opened on Dec. 17, 1996 at 2 PM in the Office of the Administrator at Hancock County, MS 39520, 11-28; 12-5-96

IN THE CHANCERY COURT  
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILEY XAVIER  
COLE, DECEASEDNOTICE TO CREDITORS OF  
WILEY XAVIER COLE, DECEASED

LETTER OF ADMINISTRATION NO. 96-0624

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 8th day of August, A.D., 1996, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Wiley Xavier Cole, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for Probate and registered according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred.

This 11th day of November, A.D., 1996.

FRANCIS F. COLE, ADMINISTRATOR  
OF THE ESTATE OF WILEY XAVIER  
COLE, DECEASED

HON. GERALD M. McMILLAN, ATTORNEY

P. O. BOX 506  
MC COMB, MS 39046

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 601-684-0630

11-14; 11-21; 11-28-96

## LEGAL NOTICE

We, the officers of MARDI GRAS CASINO CORP, dba Casino Magic Corp. Intend to make application for an On-Premise Retailer Permit as provided for by the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Laws, Section 67-1-1, et seq. of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. If granted such permit, we propose to operate as a corporation under the trade name of Casino Magic — Bay St. Louis — Bridges Golf Course, located at 711 Casino Magic Drive, Bay St. Louis, MS of Hancock County.

The name(s), title(s), and address(es) of the owner(s)/partners/corporate officer(s) and/or majority stockholder(s) of the above named business are:

Marlin Torgerson, Chairman of the Board, 711 Casino Magic Dr., Bay St. Louis, MS

James E. Ernst, President-CEO, 711 Casino Magic Dr., Bay St. Louis, MS

Yehia Osman, V.P. of Administration-CFO, 711 Casino Magic Dr., Bay St. Louis, MS

This the 26th day of November, 1996.

11/28; 12/01/96

IN THE CHANCERY COURT  
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EDNA FREY  
PRINZ, DeceasedNOTICE TO CREDITORS  
OF EDNA FREY PRINZ, Deceased

CAUSE NO. 96-0714

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 5th day of November, 1996, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Edna Frey Prinz, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for Probate and registered according to law within 90 days from the date of first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This 5th day of November, 1996.

PRISCILLA LEGENDRE, Administrator

JOHNSON & JOHNSON, P.A.

Attorneys at Law

6401 Indian Hill Blvd.

Diamondhead, MS 39026

601-255-2330 (FAO)

11-7; 11-14; 11-21; 11-28-96

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
NO. 96-0825

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of Milton Harris Coulson, Jr., deceased, were granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 10th day of October, 1996. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned said testator is hereby granted to present their claims to the Clerk of said Court and to have them probated and allowed within ninety days from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

The 10th day of November, 1996.

ANTONETTE CUSIMANO COUSINS, Executrix

(SEAL)

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR  
CHANCERY CLERK OF HANCOCK  
COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

BY: Pamela Cuevas  
Deputy Clerk

11-28; 12-5; 12-12; 12-19-96

NOTICE OF CREDITORS  
NO. 96-0826

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of William F. Jones, deceased, were granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 10th day of October, 1996. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned said testator is hereby granted to present their claims to the Clerk of said Court and to have them probated and allowed within ninety days from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

The 10th day of November, 1996.

ANTONETTE CUSIMANO COUSINS, Executrix

(SEAL)

Bread, Raines & Cook, P.L.C.

Attnys at Law

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Atlanta, GA 30309

404-587-5000 (FAO)

11-7; 11-14; 11-21; 11-28-96

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF HANCOCK  
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S  
NOTICE OF SALE

LETTER OF ADMINISTRATION NO. 96-1000, JAMES FAUCETTA AND WIFE, MARY FAUCETTA, succeeded and delivered a certain Deed of Trust unto William F. Jones, trustee, MAGNOLIA FEDERAL BANK FOR SAVINGS, Beneficiary, to secure an indebtedness of \$10,000.00, the sum of which was recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 441 at page 401 and correctly by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 458 at page 491 thereof; and

WHEREAS, the legal holder of the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned substituted trustee, Larn Adams, III, as Trustee, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 460 at page 494 thereof;

and WHEREAS, the legal holder of the said Deed of Trust, and the undersigned substituted trustee, Larn Adams, III, as Trustee, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 460 at page 494 thereof;

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# Hancock County's Red Ribbon Christmas Celebration 1996

## Holiday Event Schedule

Sunday, Dec. 1

**Holiday Open House:** Bay Emporium — 104 N. Beach Blvd., Bay St. Louis, 2-5 p.m. The front-center aisle will feature artist Vicki Wesley of Columbia, Miss., demonstrating her hand-painted pottery collection. Refreshments will be served and special door prizes given.

Tuesday, Dec. 3

**Hancock County Red Ribbon Christmas Parade:** Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis, 6 p.m. — Enjoy the spirit of the holiday season. The parade will begin at Hwy. 90 at Second Street and continue down Hwy. 90 to Drinkwater Blvd. where it will disband. Some holiday festivities will be held at the Hancock County Walking Track immediately following the parade. Refreshments will be available for purchase — proceeds to benefit Hope Haven and the Waveland Animal Shelter.

Wednesday, Dec. 4

**Autographing with Author James Rice:** "The Cajun Night Before Christmas" — Bookends Bookstore, 111 Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis, 4-6 p.m.

**Diamondhead Merchants Show:** Diamondhead Business & Professional Association.

**Diamondhead Resort:** 5-9 p.m. Don't miss this showcase of area merchants. Over 50 businesses will be displaying their holiday wares, with many exciting door prizes to be given away. Enjoy the wonderful fashion shows, food, entertainment and fun with a visit from Santa.

Thursday, Dec. 5

**Hancock Chamber Business After Hours:** Adams Lorraine Flower Shop - 317

Ulman Avenue, Bay St. Louis, 5-7 p.m. Ring in the holiday with the Chamber's Business After Hours. Enjoy delicious complimentary hors d'oeuvres and cocktails and register for door prizes to be given away as well. Be sure to bring plenty of business cards to exchange with new business prospects.

Friday, Dec. 6

**Holiday Open Houses:** The Kid Company — 113 Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Come and see all the wonderful clothing, jewelry and educational toys for all your girls and boys.

**Bookends Bookstore:** 111 Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis. Special holiday shopping hours 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Stop by and check our new arrivals for your holiday gift list.

**Ellen Kane Gifts:** 398 Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis. Join us in celebrating the holiday season in style. Special open house hours 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

**Trendsetters & You-nique Nails:** 108 Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis. Special holiday open house hours 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 7

**Holiday open houses:** These merchants invite you to join them in celebrating the holiday season, offering Christmas specials throughout the day and extended hours for your shopping pleasure.

**Bookends Bookstore:** 111 Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis. Open 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

**The Kid Company:** 113 Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis, near the Bay Bridge. Open 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

**Ellen Kane Gifts:** 398 Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis. Open 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Enjoy the holiday tastings and special discounts throughout the day.

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Hancock County Library's Holiday Tree Gala, 312 Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis, 1-5 p.m. Enjoy the sights as area businesses and organizations demonstrate their tree-decorating skills.

Waveland Festival of Lights — City of Waveland — Coleman Avenue, 6-8 p.m. Coleman Avenue will be the location for holiday activities beginning with a Christmas Lighting at 6 p.m. and the arrival of Santa Claus.

There will be entertainment throughout the evening in front of City Hall featuring local choral groups such as the Word of Faith Choir. The merchants along Coleman Avenue will host open houses and serve holiday refreshments and goodies.

Two trolleys will add to the fun and excitement. Both trolleys, sponsored by Hancock and Merchants Banks, will be taking passengers to view the beautifully decorated homes on Christmas Car Lane and Christmas Door Lane. The trolleys will both depart from the parking lot on Beach Blvd. at Coleman Avenue.

The festivities will culminate with the lighting of the Christmas bonfire by Santa Claus at Beach Boulevard on Coleman Avenue. (Coleman will be closed to vehicular traffic beginning 5 p.m.) Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to enjoy the spirit of the season Waveland style.

Christmas Card Lane — Mollere Drive, Waveland, 6-8 p.m. The residents of Mollere Drive kick off the season in style with a visit from Santa. The Christmas cards will be illuminated each evening until Christmas for the community's enjoyment.

Thursday, Dec. 12  
Our Lady Academy's Magnolia Christmas Dinner and Concert — 222 South Beach Blvd., Bay St. Louis, in the Our Lady of the Gulf Community Center, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Enjoy a scrumptious dinner of shrimp etouffee and then sit back and take in the wonderful sounds of the holiday season as the Our Lady Academy Chorus delights the audience with their talent. Tickets are \$5 and are available at OLA or may be purchased at



the door. Proceeds will help defray the cost of the chorus' performance at Carnegie Hall with the Mississippi Youth Chorale.

Friday, Dec. 13

Hancock Chamber Annual Banquet — Our Lady of the Gulf Community Center, 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner. For ticket information, call the Chamber Office at 467-9048. Guest speaker is Pete Woody, Wellman Inc. Reservations are required.

Sunday, Dec. 15

Coast Chorale Christmas Concert — Diamondhead Community Church 5301 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead, 3 p.m. enjoy a delightful afternoon as the Coast Chorale, under the direction of Joy Mehrten, sing all of your favorite American carols and folk tunes. No admission charge. The repertoire for the performance will be the same as presented to the Visitors Bureau in Vienna, Austria, Dec. 5-9.

Friday, Dec. 20

Clydesdales return for Christmas in Old Town! — Old Town, Bay St. Louis, 6 p.m. Join the fun as the world-famous Anheuser-Busch Clydesdales return to celebrate the holidays Old Town style. Back by popular demand, the Clydesdales will parade from the Bay Bridge down Beach Blvd. to Main Street, up Main to Toulme, down Toulme, looping through the Depot for a little holiday fun and caroling, then down Union Street to Second Street, down Second to Court Street, down Court to Beach Blvd. and return to the Bay Bridge.



## Mississippi

Christmas trees in Mississippi may now be the ninth edition of the Mississippi Christmas Tree ornament, according to Miazza, designer of the series.

"We expect the Mississippi State Christmas tree to enjoy the growth of our previous series," Miazza said. "The new edition state ornament is available for the first time in Alabama, Georgia, Texas and Tennessee."

The 1996 ornament is available in pewter or in 14-karat gold.

All of the ornaments, with the first edition, are approximately \$15 and may be hung on a Christmas tree or worn as jewelry during the season. Each ornament is a free gift box.

Miazza, who has been in business since 1986, has reproduced his designs every year. Milleur,

## Children's Christmas Ornaments

Individual community arts and crafts groups make Christmas ornaments to be placed on the County Library's Tree during the Mississippi Christmas Tree Gala Sunday, Dec. 5-9.

The Children's Christmas ornaments displayed in the windows of Hicks Shadoin Library during the month of December through December, local businesses and schools have participated in the building.

"This is the third year we have sponsored the ornaments,"



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## Mississippi Christmas ornaments

Christmas trees in Mississippi may now be adorned with the ninth edition of the original Mississippi Christmas ornament, according to Martin Miazza, designer of the copyrighted series.

"We expect the ninth edition Mississippi State Ornament to enjoy the growing popularity of our previous issues in the series," Miazza said. "The limited edition state ornament is now available for the states of Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Texas and Tennessee where previous editions are still sought by collectors."

The 1996 ornament, featuring the state flag of Mississippi, is available in either polished pewter or in pewter with a 14-karat gold overlay.

All of the Mississippi ornaments, with the exception of the first edition, are oval cutouts approximately 2-1/4" x 2-1/2" and may be hung on the Christmas tree or worn on a cord as jewelry during the holiday season. Each ornament comes with a free gift box.

Miazza, who has been in business since 1965, says he is fortunate to have Maurice Milleur reproduce his designs each year. Milleur, a native of Bel-

gium, has lived in the South for the past 20 years where he has earned a national reputation for his handmade pewter jewelry. He is now a U.S. citizen.

The first edition of the Mississippi ornament is bell-shaped and came out in 1988, featuring the Biloxi Lighthouse. The next year depicted the state bird, the Mockingbird. In 1990, the ornament was a pine branch with cone; 1991 fea-

tured the state flower, the Magnolia; in 1992 the ornament showed a cotton boll; the 1993 ornament showed an open Dogwood blossom; 1994's ornament displayed the stately Live Oak tree, and last year the ornament featured a Mississippi River Steamboat.

For additional information, contact Martin Miazza at 1-800-476-1208.

Current issues are \$9.95 in polished pewter and \$14.95 with the gold overlay. A limited number of the other editions is also available.



## Children urged to make ornaments for library tree

Individual children of the community are being asked to make Christmas ornaments to be placed on the Hancock County Library System's Children's Tree during the Holiday Tree Gala Sunday, Dec. 8, 1-5 p.m.

The Children's Tree will be displayed in the Margaret Hicks Shadoin Children's Library during the Tree Gala and through Dec. 20. More than 50 local businesses, organizations and schools will exhibit decorated holiday trees throughout the building for the event.

"This is the second year we have sponsored the Holiday

Tree Gala," said Prima Plauché, library system director. "The Children's Tree is a new addition to this year's event, and we hope individual children throughout the community will take some time to make an ornament to decorate their tree."

Ornaments, with or without the child's name, can be delivered anytime to the library. Schools and children's groups are asked to have their children decorate a tree in the building rather than make an ornament for the Children's Tree.

The event, open to the public, will feature Christmas music by Coast choirs, a visit from Santa.

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## "Dear Santa, I want one of everything you've got"

"Dear Santa Claus, last year I got a sister instead of a bike. Maybe some other boy wanted a sister and got my bike. We have kept the sister, but I would still like a bike."

That was just one of the estimated 200,000 letters and cards dropped into post office letter boxes last year, addressed to Santa at Toyland, North Pole, Alaska, Reindeer Land and various other places.

Thousands more are received by "Santas" in department stores up and down the country.

Some of them are the funniest letters ever written — full of the innocent and unintentional humor only children are capable of creating.

Take, for example, this little gem:

"Dear Santa, since last year I have changed bedrooms. My grandma and her cat are in my old room now. Don't leave my presents there because the cat will play with them."

Or: "My mommy says I must ask you for some clothes as well as toys. I suppose she is right. Though I am just a child now, I will one day be a man or woman."

Then there was: "You seemed to have trouble getting my trac-

tor and bicycle last time. Have you tried the Yellow Pages?"

Other children have written asking for another granddad because "I've only got one," and telling Santa, "I like what you are putting in my stocking because I looked on top of the cupboard and I saw them."

Other beauties include, "You don't have to give me anything for Christmas, just leave me something for the other days."

"Please do not come down the chimney. We've got a gas fire."

According to some letters, Santa makes a lot of mistakes at Christmas.

Take the one which said, "I did not get what I wanted last time. My name is Penny Tomlinson and I am still living at the same house. There is a big 40 on the door."

A big-city department store received this message in their Santa box: "You can wake me if you want to. I don't mind. Last year I heard you going to the toilet."

And a young child named Morris said simply, "Dear Santa Claus, I want one of everything you've got."

Six-year-old Robert was more definite. He wrote, "I want a rifle, a pistol, a machine gun, a hand grenade, dynamite and

tear gas. I am planning a big surprise for my big brother."

The U.S. post office invites people to "adopt" letters written by truly deprived and unhappy children.

Letters like this were received by the U.S. postal service last year. "Dear Santa, me and my brother are not very happy this Christmas. Our daddy left home in the summer and has not sent any money. Plus my mom is sick and can't get out to work much. We don't have a tree this year, and I am afraid we won't have any presents at all."

"Will you please send just a small box of candy to my brother David to make him feel good? Thank you. From your friend, Sammy."

People are invited to drop by the post office and look over letters such as these. They can then adopt a letter and write to the child — anonymously, if they prefer — and perhaps send a card or present.

Finally, how about this warning note from a seven-year-old boy in Britain: "I will not be leaving you a glass of wine this year. Instead, there will be a cup of tea because you cannot drink and drive, even in a sleigh."

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### Are poinsettias poisonous?

In the past, poinsettia plants were believed to be fatally poisonous. These plants were thought to be especially harmful to small children. For these reasons, many people choose not to decorate their holiday home with poinsettias.

There is little evidence to support claims of fatally poisonous poinsettias. In fact, the plant will probably cause nothing more than gastrointestinal upset. According to Richard Weisman, Pharm.D., director of the New York City Poison Control Center, the gastrointestinal

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## Christmas trees growers prepare for the season

Mississippi Christmas trees have thrived under unusually good growing conditions this year, and the trees are ready to be harvested by spirited holiday enthusiasts.

Dr. Stephen Dicke, extension forestry specialist in Raymond, said Mississippi's trees have weathered well this year and are looking good. Growers are facing only a few problems, such as needlecast, in some areas of the state.

Starkville grower Jeffrey Krans said needlecast is a disease that causes needles to fall out and affects tree density. Needlecast is a problem for the Virginia pines every year, but this year's dry fall helped lessen the disease.

Another problem growers must control each year is bark aphids. Grower Carolyn Swedenburg of Columbus said although these insects actually do not hurt the trees, they can be a problem for the customer when left uncontrolled. Untreated trees are a means for the unwanted aphids to hitch a ride into homes.

"Overall, this year has been better for us than the past couple of years," said grower Michael May of Chunky. "Growing conditions turned out well, especially the weather."

Mississippi's production of Christmas trees has slowly crept up in the past few years. An estimated 250,000 trees were produced in the state this year.

"The economic forecast for Christmas trees looks good, and a high demand has been projected," Dicke said. "The last couple of years have been good for Christmas tree growers, and this year is expected to yield another good crop."

The forestry specialist said a grower sell-out about five years ago, enabled many retailers to purchase trees below production cost while choose-and-cut farms sold fresh trees at slightly higher prices. This year, retail prices are expected to return to a level similar to choose-and-cut trees. Prices for the Mississippi trees, which are available only at choose-and-cut farm op-



erations, have remained steady for the past few years.

Retail competition has taken about 60 percent of the market Dicke said, but he expects Mississippi tree farm prices and retail tree prices to be more comparable this year because retailers will no longer be able to sell the trees so cheaply.

Consumers can expect to pay about \$4 to \$5 per foot for most species of trees including the Virginia pine, which is the most

common. Dicke said some of the more exotic species such as the Leyland cypress will be a little more expensive, averaging about \$5 to \$6 per foot.

Swedenburg said she is especially excited about her Leyland cypress trees, which are relatively new in the South.

"These trees are not only good for Christmas decorating, but are also attractive landscape trees for the yard," she said.

For information on Christmas tree farms near you, contact your local county extension agent.

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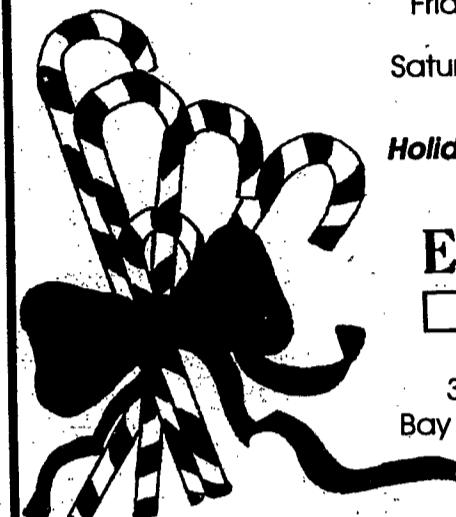
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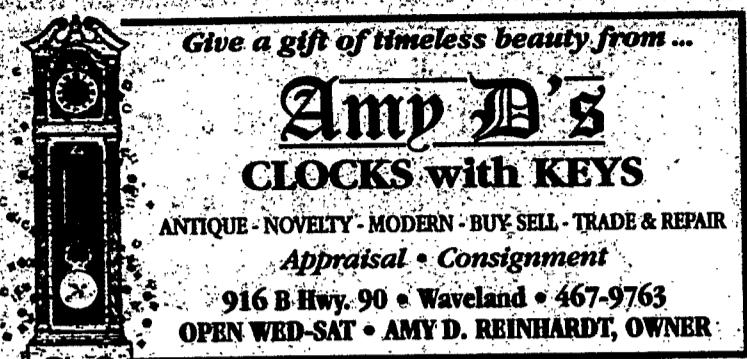
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## Tips offered for divorced parents to give children strife-free holiday

The divorce of parents is never easy for children, but the holiday season, with its intense focus on the family, can be especially upsetting.

However, divorced parents can take steps to make the holidays a happier time for their children, says Dr. Stan O'Dell, a University of Mississippi psychology professor, offering the following advice:

- Talk things over ahead of time. Discuss arrangements for the holidays with each other and with the children as far in advance as possible, advises O'Dell.

"This gives you each time to think about it and make adjustments if the need arises. Try to keep alive any cherished family traditions, but don't be afraid to add new ones that reflect your new situation in a positive light."

- Be flexible. Holidays are hectic and stressful for everyone, so be prepared to work out a compromise.

"Children don't always have to celebrate Christmas with both parents exactly on Dec. 25. You can make the celebration special for them whether it's on Christmas Eve, Dec. 26, or even at Thanksgiving," the psychology professor said.

Parents should consider putting aside their differences for a short time to jointly enjoy their children as they experience the joy of the season. However, O'Dell points out that although this can be an excellent option, it's not best for every family.

Although everyone's wishes should be considered, children's needs are what's important.

"Divorced parents frequently learn that they can be a lot more flexible than they ever thought they could be."

O'Dell offers a suggestion for parents or grandparents who live far away from the children: Mail presents ahead of time. Then call at an appointed time on Christmas Day, so you can be on the phone as they open the gifts, sharing in their excitement.

- Avoid unfulfilled expectations. Make sure your children know what your plans are well before the holidays begin. Doing this helps ensure they have reasonable expectations with less likelihood for disappointment.

"Parents often put a lot of pressure on themselves to 'create magic,' but life isn't always magical. The best thing you can do is prepare your children for what could turn out to be a less-than-perfect Christmas," he said.

O'Dell also cautions against getting into a gift-giving competition with your ex-spouse or yourself. "Don't give such elaborate gifts that you feel you have to top yourself or your former partner every year. In the long run, there's no way you can make up for a year's worth of mistakes and letdowns with a lot of expensive presents. Your children will know if you really care for them because you will have had regular, lengthy contact with them throughout the year."

- Remember the season of good will. Keep in mind that even if you have bitter differences with your ex-spouse, the person is still the only other parent your child will ever have. Avoid criticizing their holiday plans or gifts, suggested the Ole Miss psychology professor.

Also, it's nice gesture to make sure your child has the means (allowance, etc.) to buy the other parent a gift.

"This lets the child know that even though you may be divorced, you still want good things to happen to the other parent," O'Dell said. "Keep in mind that the best gift you can give your child is a loving, strife-free holiday season."

## Gifts from the heart

No gift means more to the recipient than a gift you made yourself. People appreciate the time you spent making the gift.

Popular gift items that can be made at home are: folk art, painting on wood, tole painting, counted cross-stitch and needle-point samplers, hand-painted t-shirts and sweatshirts, beaded ornaments, decorative wreaths and dried floral arrangements. The list is endless, and every crafty person has his/her own specialty.

Although you may think you can save money by making your own gifts, they are not always inexpensive to make. The cost of craft supplies has increased along with everything else on the market today.

The best way to give a gift from the heart and save money is to plan ahead. If possible, right after Christmas decide what gifts you want to make for the next Christmas. By doing

this you will have a whole year to watch sale ads then get your supplies while they are discounted. Knowing everything you need to make may get you motivated to start making gifts early.

Buying in bulk is also a money-saver. Each year, make everyone the same type of gift. This will allow you to buy supplies in bulk and concentrate on making just one type of craft.

When you want to give a gift that's from the heart, consider making some of the gifts you give. The recipients are sure to love them!

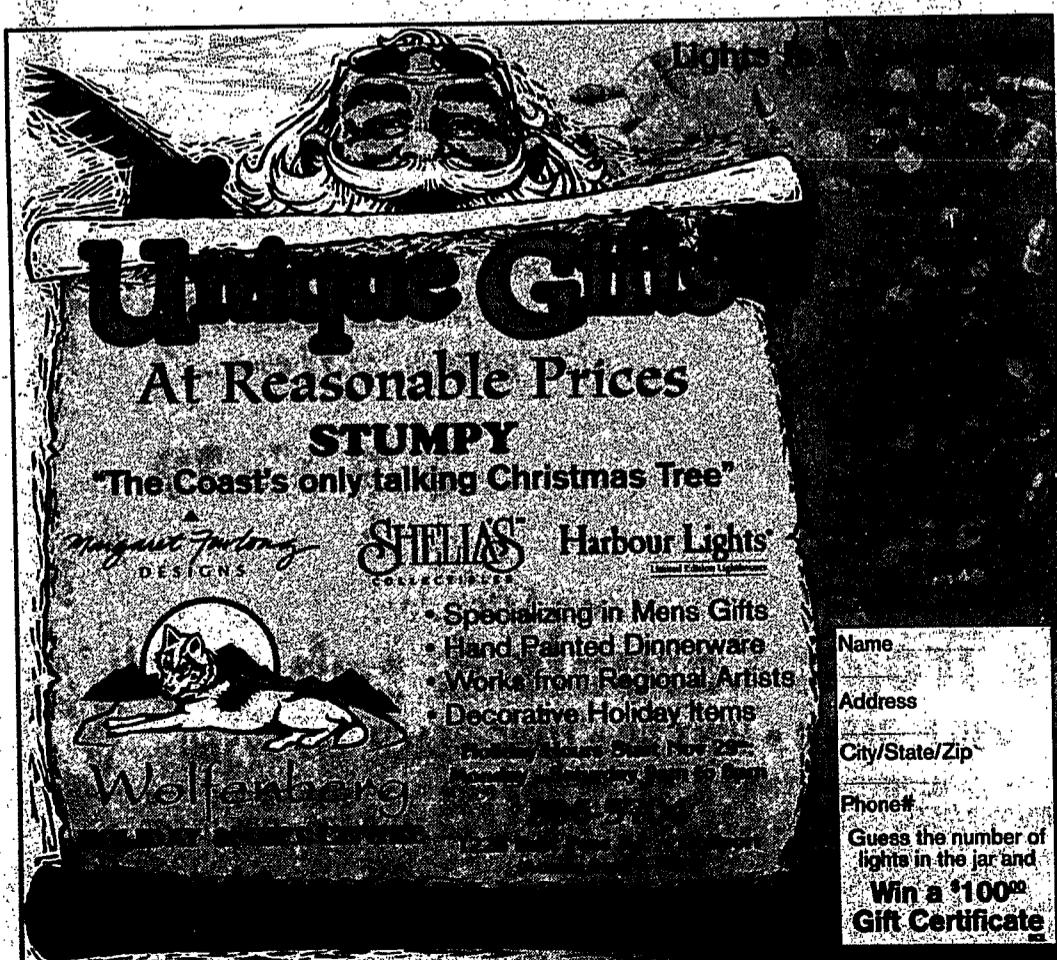
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## Time relieves tension from in-law encounters

Anxieties about in-laws cause concern for many new couples, but time and effort can help ease the tension from these relationships.

Dr. Jan Cooper Taylor, professor of human development and family studies at Mississippi State University, said in reality, many married couples have very good relationships with in-laws, but most expect conflict from the beginning.

"Expectations of a bad relationship can automatically set the stage for tension, but it doesn't have to be that way," Taylor said.

Some tension can be expected since one of the effects of a new marriage is a change in roles for all family members — parents have to be willing to let their child function as an adult, and in turn, the child has to become independent, setting new priorities and maintaining loyalties for the new marriage.

"Marriage often shifts the information flow away from parents, and issues they've always been a part of aren't their business anymore," Taylor explained. "Changing loyalties and roles can trigger uncomfortable tension for everyone involved if communication lines are not kept open."

If possible, couples need to begin working on in-law relationships long before they marry.

Both families may have expectations of the married couple that can cause conflict, especially around holidays or special occasions. Taylor advised couples to discuss probable expectations from both families and decide how to deal with these.

"Tension can come from a

number of different sources — whether socioeconomic, cultural or religious, but the real issue is how willing everyone is to accept each other," Taylor said. "Developing good relationships takes time, patience and positive attitudes for all involved."

In-laws can teach couples valuable lessons about each other. Finding out what your spouse's family's attitudes are toward each other can give you insight into your spouse's behavior and attitudes.

Taylor suggested that couples begin in-law relationships with an open, positive attitude. Talking and spending time with in-laws can help you learn about shared interests and experiences and help you build respect for each other.

Don't expect the worst from your in-laws, but don't expect the best, either. Many couples may have unrealistic expectations that good in-law relationships will develop immediately, and when conflict arises, they automatically give up.

Use the same methods to build good relationships with in-laws that you would use to build any other relationship, remembering to:

- Be positive and optimistic during each visit, regardless of what previous visits have been like.
- Minimize defensiveness and stay calm during visits or during conflict.
- Expect and accept differences in how each person relates to family roles and responsibilities.
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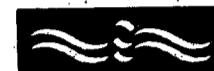
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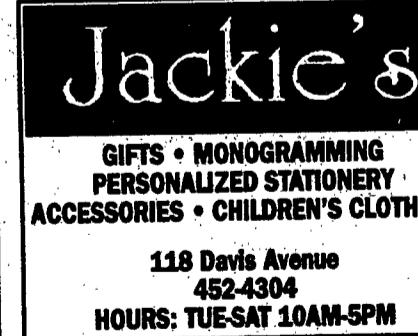
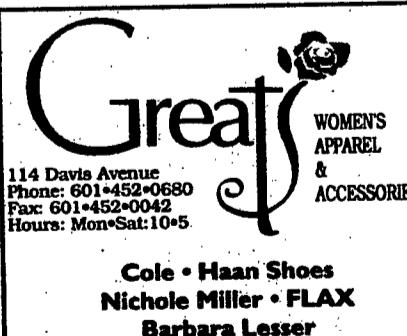
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1. What sign of the Zodiac does Christmas fall in?
2. Literally, what does Christmas mean?
3. What tree is known as the "Christmas tree"?
4. What is said to be the oldest and most traditional of Christmas party games?
5. When was *A Christmas Carol* first published by Charles Dickens? a) 1843, b) 1898, c) 1900?
6. How was Boxing Day derived?
7. What are you supposed to do when you stir a homemade plum pudding?
8. When was the first Christmas tree described? a) 1907, b) 1705, c) 1605.
9. What was frankincense used for?
10. What is myrrh?
11. On the 11th day of Christmas what, according to the song, did "my true love bring to me"?
12. Twelfth Night is the fest of what, and on which day does it fall each year?
13. What were mince pies originally made to symbolize?
14. On what tree is mistletoe usually found growing?
15. Was Good King Wenceslas a real or fictitious character?
16. What was the full name of the miser in Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*?
17. Which Christmas song became the biggest-selling pop hit of all time?
18. Who had a chart-topping best-selling record with "Mary's Boy Child" at Christmas 1957?
19. Who, or what were "mummers"?
20. What does the word "carol" mean?
21. The white-flowered winter-blooming hellebore (*Helleborus niger*) is better known as what?
22. When was Christmas first generally observed? a) 2nd century b) 10th century c) 4th century.
23. What day marks the beginning of Christmas in Scandinavia?
24. What is the name for Santa Claus in Denmark?
25. Most American Christmas foods have their origins in Europe. What is one exception?

**Answers**

1. Capricorn.
2. Mass of Christ.
3. The spruce.
4. Blindman's Bluff.
5. a) 1843.
6. It was a day when servants carried boxes around to collect bonuses from their employers.

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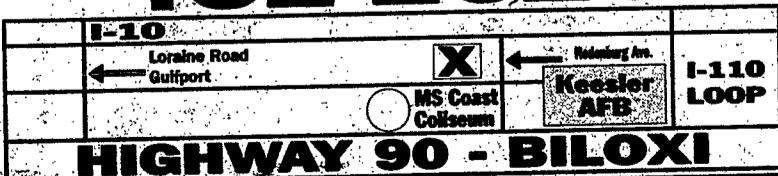
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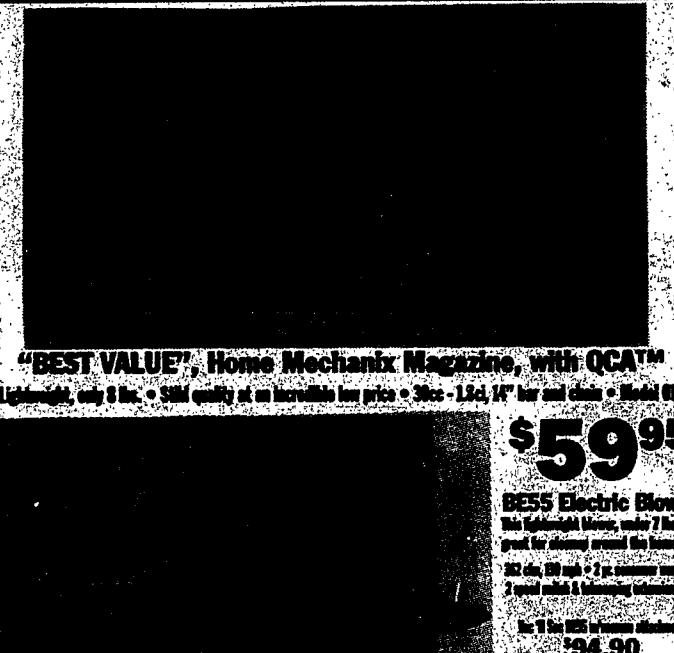
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**Air-Popping Popcorn Makers:** Electric machines that make unburnt, perfectly popped popcorn every time without the fat and calories from popping in oil. It's a great way to encourage healthful snacking (per cup, popcorn contains 2.5 grams of fiber and only 25 calories). Include non-fat butter-flavored crystals, a spice mixture, or butter-flavored canola oil spray as a healthful topping.

**Bread-Making Machines:** Being able to make fresh bread easily can help add more grain fiber to someone's diet — and health authorities recommend eating at least six servings (one serving equals one slice of bread) of grains per day, especially whole grains such as whole wheat.

**Choppers:** They look like miniature food processors, and hold about two cups of cut-up vegetables or fruit. Electric choppers can mince vegetables in seconds to add to sauces for extra nutrients, or puree chick peas, cottage cheese and other low-fat foods into spreadable consistencies for delicious and healthful dips; add your favorite herbs and spices. Fruits can be pureed for topping toast or non-fat yogurt and other desserts, or make a chutney to use with your favorite lean meat entree.

**Defatting Gravy-Makers:** Kitchen specialty shops stock special containers that have long spouts on the bottom, so that you can pour your meat drippings in, refrigerate for the fat to rise to the top, and then just pour out the defatted juices through the spout in the bottom.

**Electric Can Opener:** A very welcome helper in the kitchen, especially for anyone

who has arthritis.

**Fish-Poacher:** For a perfect poached fish cooked all in one piece, look for a 24" poacher (sold by most department stores and gourmet kitchen specialty stores).

**Garlic Braids:** Researchers have found that garlic, like onions, contains healthful substances called "allylic sulfides" that may help protect us against cancer development. Italian markets, gourmet shops or kitchen specialty stores stock braids of strung bulbs for a long-term supply.

**Herb Mill:** Help someone learn to flavor their foods with herbs instead of fat when cooking by giving them an herb mill (similar to a pepper mill) that grinds fresh or dried herbs for the most flavor.

**Ice-Cream Maker:** While high-fat, high-calorie ice cream may not be your goal, an ice-cream maker can also make delicious low-fat ice cream, frozen yogurt, sherberts and sorbets. These machines are available in a wide variety of price ranges and forms.

**Juicers:** Many types of juicers are available at a range of prices. For the most nutrition, select one that gives the option of retaining the fiber-rich pulp from vegetables and fruits.

**Kettle:** Tea-drinkers may be interested in the fact that both black tea, popular in the U.S. and Europe, and green tea, popular in Asia, have been found by researchers to have polyphenols, compounds that may help protect against cancer development. Give a new kettle and a nice variety of gourmet teas.

**Lighthearted Everyday Cooking:** The cookbook by bestselling author Anne Lindsay, published in cooperation with the American Institute for Cancer Research (250pp, color photos). To order, send \$16.95 to AICR, Dept. CB5, Washington, DC 20069.

**Microwave Oven:** If you really want to splurge, a micro-

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**Non-Stick Pans:** A great way to cut fat in cooking, and they will last a long time if cared for properly by using only wooden or plastic utensils and non-abrasive cleaning materials.

**Olive Oils:** Dozens of specialty brands are now available in different grades of "purity" and can be purchased already flavored with herbs, in attractive bottles. Olive oil contains mostly monounsaturated fatty acids and, while still recommended by health experts to be used in moderation like all fats, has been found to lower harmful blood cholesterol.

**Pasta Machine:** For rolling and cutting home-made pasta. The ideal gift for anyone who loves to cook Italian style.

**Quinoa:** Quinoa is just one of several exotic grains that can liven up one's everyday diet and supply whole-grain fiber. Gourmet and health food stores carry quinoa; a home-made gift-pack might also include packaged barley, bulgur wheat and couscous.

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**Unsalted Snacks:** Get your friends and family to enjoy food with less salt, such as unsalted pretzels, low-fat gourmet crackers flavored with pepper and variety of herbs, and un-

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# Have grape fun with non-alcoholic drinks

Remember how much fun grape juice was when you were a kid? Along with graham crackers, it was the "snack" at nursery school. And it was the drink most moms served at birthday parties.

But grape juice can also be the main ingredient of festive drinks for adults. In fact, at the turn of the century, when the prohibition movement was gaining strength, then-Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan started the country—and no doubt his guests—by serving grape juice at a full-dress diplomatic function.

Around the holidays, grape juice is the perfect base for non-alcoholic party drinks that give even designated drivers something to celebrate.

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— Zester: A special orange and lemon grater will add a little extra zest to festive food and drinks.

**Hot Mulled Grape Juice**  
1 48 oz. bottle grape juice  
3 cups of brewed tea  
1½ tsp. lemon concentrate  
1½ cups orange juice  
3/4 cup granulated sugar  
1½ tsp. cinnamon  
6 cloves

Combine all ingredients in sauce pan. Bring to a boil and simmer for 3 minutes. Serve Hot. Makes 18 1/2-cup servings.

**Mimosa**  
1 12-oz can frozen orange-pineapple-apple concentrate  
4 cups non-alcoholic champagne  
Water  
Ice  
1 Orange

Mix concentrate with 3 cans of water (as directed on can). Place ice in punch bowl and add juice mixture. Pour in champagne just before company arrives. Add slices of orange for garnish. Makes 20 1/2-cup servings.

**Party Punch**  
2 46-oz cans of pineapple juice  
1 12-oz. can frozen cranberry juice concentrate  
Block of ice  
4 liters of ginger ale  
3 lemons  
3 scoops of rainbow sherbet

In separate bowl, combine pi-

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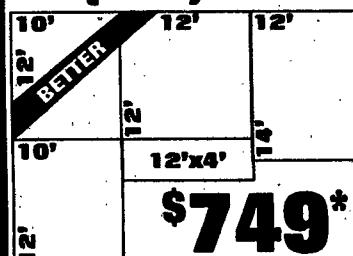
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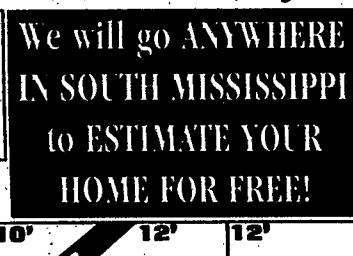
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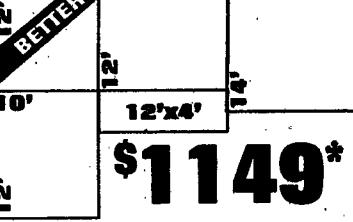


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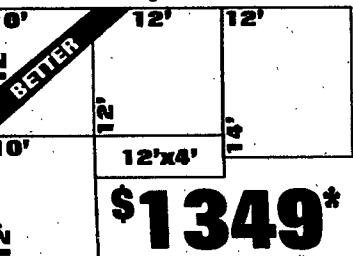


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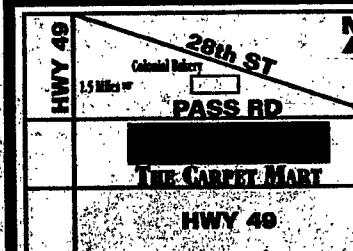
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The catch?

Photo albums also keep them out of sight. Here are some tips from the experts at the Photography Information Council (PIC) on ways to display your photographs this holiday season.

### The Sweet-Huck wreath

Your Christmas wreath can take on a whole new twist with the help of your favorite photographs. By using snapshots of your family and friends and framing them with shells from family vacations, you can create a naturally beautiful piece.

The photographs will remind you of all the wonderful moments you've had throughout the year and, once the holidays have passed, the wreath also make a beautiful accent piece year-round.

Happily, it's quite easy to make:

- First, the wreath, made of natural Sweet-Huck, may be purchased at your local arts and crafts shop.
- Position the shells around the wreath and apply them with rubber cement. If possible, use the shells that have been collected on your family vacation. If you've left your shells at the beach, they can also be purchased in most arts and crafts shops.
- Place the photos in clear, lucite frames and decorate the border of the frame with smaller shells.

### Photo centerpiece

A nice way to bring your family and friends into focus this holiday season is to personalize your holiday table with a photo

centerpiece and photo place cards. Simply get out those silly photographs from camp, photographs from the prom or even family reunions.

It's best to start taking pictures several weeks in advance so you'll have a great selection. Have your camera ready so you won't miss any opportunities.

## Senational Stocking stuffers

Stocking stuffers are usually the last item on your Christmas list. Sometimes it may be difficult to find the right surprises so we put in the same old gifts as last year.

You can make this year special with these great ideas for sensational stocking stuffers.

### GREAT GIFTS FOR GUYS

Men usually get socks, underwear and cologne. These gifts are nice, but rarely a big hit. Spice up his stocking this year with some of these great ideas.

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### Sports fans:

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- \* Tennis balls for the tennis pro
- \* Golfballs for the golf fanatic
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### Substitutes for traditional stuffers:

- \* Silky or lacy underwear or bra
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- \* Imported bath soaps, powders or scented oils
- \* A sachet of potpourri

### Simple surprises:

- \* Bracelets, bangles or earrings
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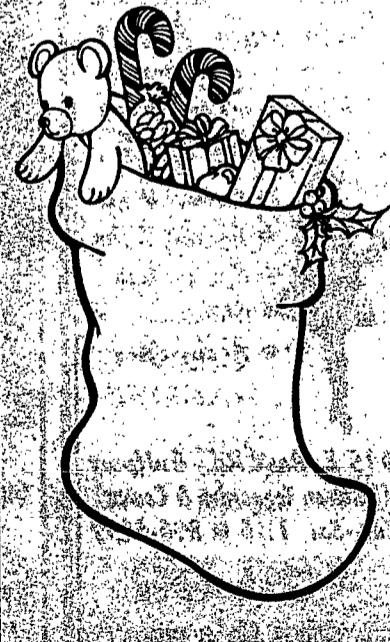


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## Unusual family holiday traditions create sentiment, yearning for home

Christmas for families usually means trimming the tree, arranging holly and evergreen, hanging stockings, awaiting Santa Claus, opening gifts and sitting down for a holiday dinner.

But unusual holiday traditions passed along for generations are often the most memorable, and serve to strengthen family ties, says Betty Jane Gary, instructor in home economics at The University of Mississippi.

Decorating the tree, for example, can become more meaningful for families when it's done at the same time year after year, with much the same collection of ornaments, she said.

"Some families always decorate the tree on Thanksgiving weekend, others wait until Christmas Eve."

"The longer any tradition is carried on using the same familiar items, the more meaningful it becomes. And after children are grown, each season the sentiment returns with that feeling of wanting to go home again and be part of family."

Christmas accents like wreaths, tree ornaments and nativity scenes should be kept from year to year, with new additions from time to time.

"Sure they become shopworn, but that's what adds the sentiment and makes them special," Gary said.

"Collect the wreaths, and finally there will be one for every door in the house."

Incorporate other cherished items into holiday decorating, she suggested. "Families shouldn't feel like they need to go out and buy the latest craze. We're a collectible society, and this is a great way to use things that usually catch dust or stay packed away in the attic."

Mementos from years of vacations; collections of pottery, silver or brass; old toys; quilts; and dolls are some of the things the Ole Miss instructor — who is also an interior decorator —

suggests using.

To be successful and enjoyable, traditions must be personal with families, said Gary, who shares some of her family's favorites:

- When her three daughters were preschoolers Gary began a mother-daughter Christmas party and ornament exchange with friends and their children. The tradition lasted throughout the girls' teen-age years.

- Family vacations and travels usually included picking up collectibles, that is, everything from sea shells and infants' silver cups to music boxes. Many of those items are brought out at Christmas as the focal point for a centerpiece or other decoration. For example, the many, many silver cups the Gary family has collected over the years are tied with colorful ribbons and used for holiday punch.

- Adult family members exchange stockings each Christmas, keeping the stocking until the following holiday. The giver picks up "stuffers" throughout the year and returns the stocking to its owner at Christmas full of little surprises.

- The family's collections of silver, brass and crystal are used in decorating.

"Certainly not all is fine and expensive, but every kind imaginable and each with special meaning," said Gary.

She uses such things as colorful felt or satin for the base; adds red and green ribbons, greenery and sparkle dust; and viola — creates an attractive arrangement with sentiment attached.

A fairly recent addition to the Gary family's Christmas celebration to accommodate a new generation of grandchildren is the European tradition of "poppers," small paper-wrapped surprises that when "popped" turn into a crown or hat. They're available in specialty shops and catalogs.

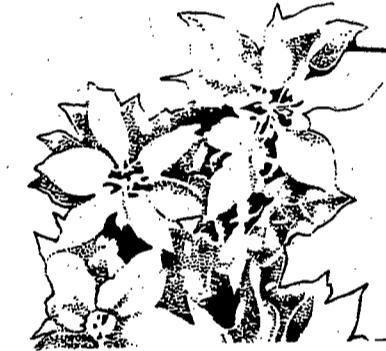
"Just a little thing, but some-

thing that children will look forward to and remember," she said.

Lots of fresh greenery and holly is used throughout the house: garlands around the entrance doors, along the staircase, around pictures and mirrors and on mantels. Fresh garland is expensive, so Gary suggests gathering your greenery and taking it to a florist who offers the service of turning it into a garland.

Or several families may wish to go in together and invest in a garland making machine, which sells for around \$150, said Gary. Tip: To keep greenery fresh, fill a spray bottle with liquid floor wax and spray greens when first picked.

The aroma of spices drifts throughout the house. The Ole Miss instructor makes a simple hot concoction that's both great to serve and provides the nostalgic Christmas scent by melting red hot cinnamon candies in apple cider. Experiment with the amounts until you arrive at the flavor you like, she said, adding the beverage stores well in the refrigerator.



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# Consider outcomes before purchasing pets as gifts

Many holiday cards and commercials feature pictures of a happy child hugging a brand-new puppy or kitten under the Christmas tree. None focus on the more realistic picture of a half-grown animal neglected several months later.

If you plan to give an unsuspecting friend or relative a pet as a gift, take some time to consider the long-range obligations involved.

The person who wishes to give this gift should make sure the receiver has the money, facilities and commitment to take care of a pet, said Dr. Gerald Radde, small animal veterinarian for Mississippi State University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

"If you are considering giving a pet to a child, keep in mind that it is the obligation of the parents to train both the pet and the child," Radde said. "Children and pets can have a wonderful relationship, but sometimes children may be mean or rough with animals."

A pet usually is not a good surprise gift, Radde said.

"You should talk to the potential receiver and make sure that a pet is right for them," he said. "The more planning you do before you give a pet as a gift, the less chance the pet has of becoming abused, neglected or a burden."

Investigate the pet's nutritional and medical needs and present this information as part of the gift. Taking the pet to the veterinarian for its first round of vaccinations makes a great extra present.

Before giving a pet to an elderly friend or relative, make sure the pet will fit the person. Radde suggested giving an older person a quiet and gentle pet instead of an excitable or aggressive one.

One of the greatest achievements in the last few years is the use of animals for visitation

and therapy in retirement homes.

"A pet can provide protection and companionship that really can't be provided any other way for an elderly person," Radde said. "But you must be sure the elderly person can take care of a pet."

An apartment is a difficult place to keep pets, especially dogs. Owners must be committed to giving pets enough exercise.

"We do not recommend giving wild or exotic animals as

pets because there aren't really any scientific immunization or nutrition programs for these animals," Radde said.

The person receiving the pet should take time to help it adjust to its new environment.

"Spend some time with new pets to help them adjust to new habits," Radde said. "If you have other pets, be sure to give them a lot of attention. Usually the older pets have more trouble adjusting than the new pets do."

## Celebrate delicious foods and good health in 1997

Every months of the year brings holidays and celebrations, and they can all be occasions to enjoy the delicious taste and healthful benefits of nutritious foods. "Here's to Your Health," the bright and colorful 1997 wall calendar from the American Institute for Cancer Research, offers dozens of clever ideas for wholesome treats that are suitable for special days throughout the year.

Valentine's Day is a perfect time to replace high-fat chocolates with delicious but lower-fat biscotti, ginger snaps and other assorted cookies combined in a decorative tin, or give a basket of passion fruits, mixed with other exotic types, wrapped with red cellophane and ribbon.

St. Patrick's Day, can not only mean wearin' o' the green but eating of it as well, with a smorgasboard of green springtime vegetables, such as a delicious salad of Belgian endive, chicory, radicchio and arugula and watercress, topped with a bit of low-fat dressing that uses a light vinaigrette of tarragon-flavored vinegar and walnut oil.

Summer picnics can be per-

ked up for special guests with delicious sandwich combinations like Greek Salad Baguettes and Oriental Chicken Salad, provided in calendar recipes. Festive dip recipes for holidays range from curried apple spread and white bean dip to pear puree and carrot dip. Afternoon tea can be a birthday event for a loved one; you'll find ideas for low-fat fruit breads and healthy finger foods to accompany tea.

The calendar also offers tips for outdoor fun and fitness, plus tips on how to dance your way to better health. Each month's good health hints are highlighted by a colorful illustration by artist Chris Stephens.

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# Money management makes holiday season successful

With all the advertising charms aimed at consumers during the holidays, many people are carried away by the Christmas spirit without remembering to manage their money.

Families often make the mistake of neglecting to prepare financially for the holidays. It can be difficult to finance much celebration without considering of where the money is going to come from beforehand. Families often make it through Christmas using credit, but then have trouble paying the bills in the new year.

Dr. Beverly Howell, extension family economics and management specialist at Mississippi State University, said there are several ways to get through the holiday season successfully.

Howell said plan ahead for Christmas expenses to be prepared to make good spending decisions.

"It's very common to get caught up in the holiday season and make financial decisions that are not to one's advantage," Howell said.

One of the best ways to prepare for Christmas is to make a budget early.

"Stop and take a look at your expenses, and make sure you take everything into consideration," Howell said. "When people think of Christmas expenses, they often think of the cost of gifts. However, there are several other expenses such as decorating, cards, postage, extra food and any travel costs."

Once a practical budget is determined, the family must come up with a means to finance it.

"For most families, taking the extra Christmas money out of a regular pay check just isn't going to work," Howell said.

The management specialist said an ideal way to prepare for Christmas expenses would be to figure a budget, divide the total cost by 12 and save a fraction of the money each month. Another way to avoid a money crunch in December is to stagger gift buying throughout the year.

"Some families deal with the extra expenses by taking on extra work or relying on credit," Howell said. "Before you make the decision to rely on credit, look at how the additional debt is going to fit into your budget later."

Some other money management tips Howell offered were to make a list to shop early and to use the same consumer shopping skills that you would during any other time of the year.

"When you make a list, include as much information as possible. Include sizes and price ranges. The more information you have, the less likely you will be to make a bad buying decision."

sion," Howell said.

"Also shop early," she said. "When you wait until the last minute to shop, the options are fewer and often more costly."

Always remember to read labels and warranties and know each store's return policies when buying gifts. These actions help avoid problems for the gift receivers.

Howell said there are alter-

natives to spending a lot of money during Christmas, and everything doesn't have to be bought.

"Certainly Christmas does not always have to involve money to the extent that we often feel it does," Howell said.

"Christmas is a wonderful time for sharing talents, making gifts and offering services."

## Holiday hints

### Tips for pretty party tresses

You can give yourself a beauty boost this holiday season by heeding these hints on how to turn day-time hairstyles into night-time party hair sensations from the Rave Fashion Design Team.

- The most popular holiday hairstyle today is the French Twist. Turn your head over and start twisting hair in one direction from the bottom up, secure with bobby pins and decorative hairpieces. After securing, lift up head and sculpt any curls left out of your twist.

- Add a hairpiece to an up-do. Tease hair at the top of the head, create a straight line from ear to ear. Put in hair pins, curl hair ends in the back with a curling iron, place some alluring pieces of hair in front of the face.

- If you have straight hair in a blunt cut, create finger waves around your face and hold them with hairspray.

- Throw in some hot rollers for a tousled, curly look; or to revive droopy curls, use a curl booster to give them a lift.

- For extra lift and body spray roots with spray gel and blow dry. Or spray hair with a gel and blow dry hair upside down, flip head upright and pat hair into place.

- Use a volumizing mousse for body. Set on rollers to create shine and smoothness and a little extra body.

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## Keep children entertained during holidays by exploring other customs, traditions

Christmas holidays are one of the most exciting times of the year for school-age children, but after the first few days of sleeping late and watching TV, the inevitable cry sounds: "Mom, Dad, I'm bored!"

To help kids have a more exciting and well-spent holiday, Amy DeWys-VanHecke — educator for The University of Mississippi Museums — shares some of her ideas for entertaining, educational projects that reveal history and enhance the merriment of Christmas.

- Choose a different culture and explore its Christmas customs. In England, for example, Dec. 26 is St. Stephen's Day or Boxing Day, DeWys-VanHecke explained. On this day people give boxes of gifts and money to servants. In Scotland and Wales, Hogmanay — the New Year's Celebration — is a big a festival as Christmas. Through making decorations, listening to music, preparing food and playing games native to these and other countries, children can discover holiday traditions from around the world.

Another way to explore different culture is through other countries' holiday stories that reflect customs.

"Children may have heard of the yule log or mistletoe but probably do not know what it is," she said. "Stories often explain the significance of Christmas traditions."

For example, the yule log was first burned in Great Britain, France and other Scandinavian nations. An unburned part of the log, which was a large piece of tree trunk, was kept to light the next log because it was believed the unburned wood had magical powers, related DeWys-VanHecke.

- Help children learn how their own ancestors celebrated Christmas. By using the same activities to explore other cultures, youngsters can research Christmas practices of their own heritage. If children's roots are from France and Germany, for instance, they can look for books on those countries and their customs.

Along this same line, children can learn the history of American practices. Our custom of Christmas trees came from Germany, mistletoe from England, Santa Claus from The Netherlands and poinsettias from Mexico.

- Take a look back in time

to see how Christmas was celebrated in years past. DeWys-VanHecke suggests dividing the centuries into the Middle Ages through the 1700s, the 1800s and the 1900s. Children can find out how the Puritans tried to dampen Christmas celebrations or how the stories of Charles Dickens influenced the holiday during the 19th century.

"Christmas was even celebrated differently in the 1940s and '50 than it is now," she said.

- Visit a museum or organization with a special Christmas exhibit. The University Museum at Ole Miss, for instance, will sponsor a children's workshop Dec. 3 focusing on Hanukkah.

"Lots of other organizations will put on plays, pageants or even a festival of trees," DeWys-VanHecke said.

- Attend a different church or religious ceremony to see how Christmas is observed. Catholics do

things differently than Protestants, and Protestant sects even celebrate things differently from each other, she said. Children also can learn more about Hanukkah by talking with Jewish friends and their families.

For most of these projects, the University Museums educator recommends using the library to locate information. And to determine which projects to pursue, ask the children involved.

- If they like music, then see if they would be interested in listening to various Christmas songs. If they are artistic, then make Christmas cards or decorations. Most kids are interested in food, so cooking is generally a popular option."

Christmas provides an opportunity for parents and children to explore, DeWys-VanHecke said. What better way to respond to "I'm bored!" than with educational and entertaining projects?

## Instill joy of giving in children this Christmas

Families who get wrapped up in themselves at Christmas may be missing the most enjoyable part of the season — giving to others.

While all parents want their children to appreciate the joy of giving, instilling that virtue in children calls for more than just good intentions, suggests Dr. Anne Bomba, assistant professor of home economics at The University of Mississippi.

Reaching out to the needy, sick, shut-ins and elderly, as well as tending nature or taking a stand to better the environment, are all ways to turn thoughts into action. Director of the Willie Price Nursery School at Ole Miss, Bomba offers these suggestions for families to begin traditions of giving to others during the holidays:

- Adopt a family or an individual though a service organization, church, nursing home or "angel tree" project at a shopping mall.

- Invite a foreign student or other person without loved ones close by to join your family for a special holiday dinner.

- Offer an elderly or disabled friend or neighbor a few hours of time to help decorate for the holidays, with the promise of returning afterwards to disman-

tle and store the decorations.

- Encourage children to save enough money from their allowances to purchase a small gift for a needy child.

- Offer a smile to those you meet, as Christmas is a stressful time.

- Consider the needs of small animals and birds by putting out food.

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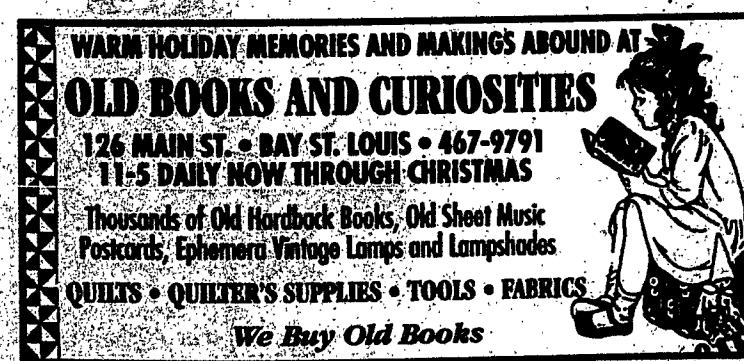
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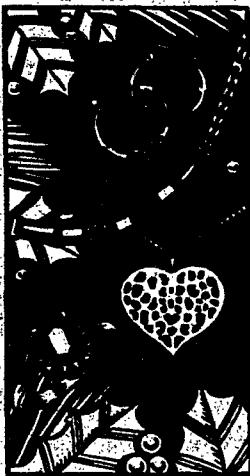


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## Enjoy less common Christmas flowers

By Norman Winter  
Horticulturist  
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Poinsettias' popularity often overshadows two of my favorite holiday plants: the Christmas cactus and the cyclamen. This holiday season, let's enjoy all three.

The odd thing about the Christmas cactus is that it is a true cactus, no thorns mind you, and it is native to the South American rainforest. In Brazil, they grow suspended on tree trunks and limbs alongside orchids and bromeliads, or wherever rainwater drains away quickly. Their flowers are almost iridescent shades of lavender, fuchsia, orange and red.

Look for them at nurseries and garden centers everywhere. Keep Christmas cactus in a bright, cool location with its soil moist, but not soggy. Don't fertilize until growth begins in the spring.

Once temperatures stay above freezing, you can move them outdoors for the spring and summer. Keep them in a shaded area, especially in the afternoon. Feed with a dilute water-soluble fertilizer every time you water.

Around Oct. 1, start depriving Christmas cacti of light for about 12 hours daily, beginning each late afternoon and through the night. Buds should start to develop around Nov. 1 and open between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

You can start new Christmas cacti by taking stem sections of two or three segments and sticking them in very porous, moist potting soil. I prefer sand. They will root very quickly.



The cyclamen is another beautiful, but overlooked, holiday plant. Europeans hail the cyclamen as the king of holiday plants. They were popular here until poinsettias captured the market. Make room in your house for this holiday treasure.

The cyclamen has butterfly shaped flowers and heart shaped foliage. The striking silver and green foliage is enough to warrant growing the cyclamen. The cyclamen thrives in cooler 40 to 50 degree temperatures out of direct sunlight. This gives us the option of growing it on a covered porch or patio during much of the late fall and winter. Bring it inside during freezing weather.

Cyclamen come in a wide range of colors including hot pink, fuchsia, purple, light pink and red. Dwarf forms are even available. Select plants with healthy looking foliage. Keep in a well-drained potting mixture. If kept indoors, keep cool and away from the central heating vent. A window sill is an ideal place if not in direct sunlight.

When the flowers start to fade and the leaves start to turn yellow, stop watering the plant. It is simply going dormant and not drying. Store the potted plant in a cool, dry and dark place.

Bring cyclamen back into the light and water sparingly in the spring. When leaves appear, fertilize. Grow in a cool area as possible. Come fall, you may be welcomed by a new set of blooms. If you treat cyclamen as an annual purchase like poinsettias, they are still worth the cost.

Tips for floral arranging:

## Preserving your own flowers provides year-round pleasure

"Weekend gardeners" dread the first frost. It's the end of their season-long labor of love. And while nothing short of a greenhouse can prolong the growing season, there are ways to preserve those prized beauties.

Air drying is an easy method of drying plant materials naturally without the use of chemicals. After the plants are thoroughly dried, they can be beautifully arranged in pots, baskets or wreaths. Properly dried foliage last for up to a year.

Here are some tips for air-drying flowers:

- Air drying requires a warm, dry, dark, clean space where materials can rest undisturbed for three to five weeks.

- Collect only fresh material at its peak; flowers are best before coming into full bloom. Materials should be prepared for air drying immediately after picking. Remove foliage unless specifically gathered for the arrangement, as most foliage does not dry well.

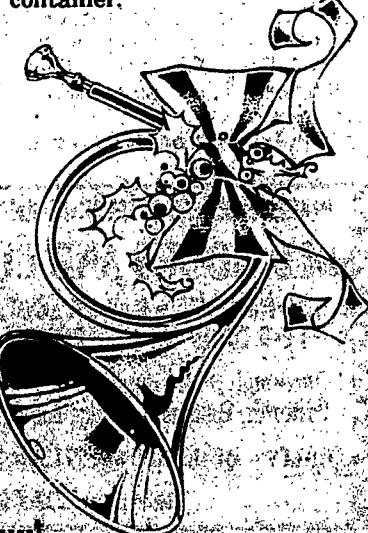
- Gather materials into small bunches, ten to 20 stems per bunch, keeping stems the same length. Flower heads should not be pressed together.

as this limits ventilation.

Tie stems tightly with string and hang bunches upside down. Make sure air can circulate between the bunches and between each individual stem.

- Materials are completely dry when the foliage, flower heads and stems are stiff, crisp and completely dry to the touch.

- Containers used in arrangements should be of simple shapes and colors so the focus of the arrangements is not the container.



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# Festive fruits for no-bake holiday desserts

If holiday baking has gotten to be more work and calories than you really want, this year why not serve easy, no-bake desserts that feature plenty of delicious, low-calorie fruit. Fruit desserts can be a light finish to a heavy holiday meal, and they are also an important part of a healthy diet.

The vitamins, fiber and other substances in fruits can protect your health and lower risk of cancer, according to studies funded by the American Institute for Cancer Research. And fruits can be a colorful way to make any holiday table dazzling.

Some delicious low-fat possibilities include: mixed fruit, such as fresh or frozen berries with melon or citrus and garnished with mint leaves or topped with a dash of your favorite liqueur (red strawberries or raspberries mixed with green slices of kiwi fruit or honeydew melon, for example, can bring out the colors of the season).

Other lustrous fruits include dark red cherries, bright slices of orange, and fresh strawberries, which can be served with a chocolate dipping sauce made with cocoa powder for fewer calories (see recipe below) or fat-free whipped topping.

Fruits like grapes and slices of plums, pears and star-fruit can sparkle when they are "glazed" by just rinsing with water and rolling lightly in finely granulated sugar, then arranged on a platter.

Fresh or thawed frozen fruits can be pureed in a blender, with or without sugar, and used as delicious sauces over slices of low-fat angel food cake bought from your local bakery or grocery store.

Dried fruits like dates and figs are higher in calories than fresh fruit, but a few can be chopped and used as festive toppings for fruit-filled puddings, gelatins, or low-fat mousse.

Poached fruits are easy to prepare and can include dried fruits as well as firm fall selections like apples and pears. The following two recipes make the most of the nutritious fruits, and you can double or triple the ingredient amounts depending on the number of servings you want.

## POACHED PEARS WITH CHOCOLATE SAUCE

2½ cups water  
7 Tbsp. granulated sugar  
Grated rind and juice of 1 lemon  
1 cinnamon stick  
4 pears  
Lemon rind, cut into thin strips and curled

## Chocolate sauce:

1 cup cocoa powder  
2/3 cup water  
1 cup sugar  
1/2 cup honey  
1 tsp. vanilla extract

In a large saucepan, combine the water, sugar, lemon rind, lemon juice and cinnamon stick. Bring to a boil, stirring until the sugar is dissolved.

Peel, halve and core the pears. Add the pears to the boiling syrup. (Pears should be covered in liquid; if not, double the amount of poaching liquid or poach in batches.)

Reduce the heat to medium-low and simmer gently for 15 to 20 minutes or until the pears are almost tender (pears will continue to cook while cooling).

Remove from the heat and let pears cool in liquid. Remove cinnamon sticks.

For the sauce, combine the cocoa and sugar, whisk in water and honey, bring to a full boil over medium heat. Boil for 2 minutes, stirring constantly, remove from the heat and stir in the vanilla extract. Let the sauce cool (it will thicken upon cooling).

Drain the pears thoroughly and pat dry on paper towels. Arrange the pear halves on individual plates. Drizzle with chocolate sauce, garnish with lemon rind strips, and serve at room temperature. Each of the 8 servings contains 168 calories and less than 1 gram of fat.

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### CRANBERRY-CINNAMON SAUCE

4 medium tart-tasting baking apples  
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1 1/4 cups plus 2/3 cup water  
1 cup fresh cranberries  
1/4 tsp. cinnamon  
1/3 cup white sugar  
1/2 cup raisins, soaked in hot water for 15 minutes and drained

Wash and remove the core from the apples, so that their centers are hollow. Place them in a large saucepan with 1/2 of brown sugar and 2 1/4 cups of water. Bring the water to a boil, then reduce the heat to low, cover, and simmer for 10 minutes, or until the apples are just tender. Baste occasionally with the syrup in the pan while cooking.

Meanwhile, in a medium saucepan, heat the cranberries, cinnamon, 2/3 cup of water and 1/3 cup of white sugar over medium heat. Boil gently for 10 minutes. Cool slightly and puree in a blender or food processor until smooth. To serve, pour the sauce on the apples and into the cored centers and sprinkle with a spoonful of raisins. Each of the four servings contains 256 calories and no fat.



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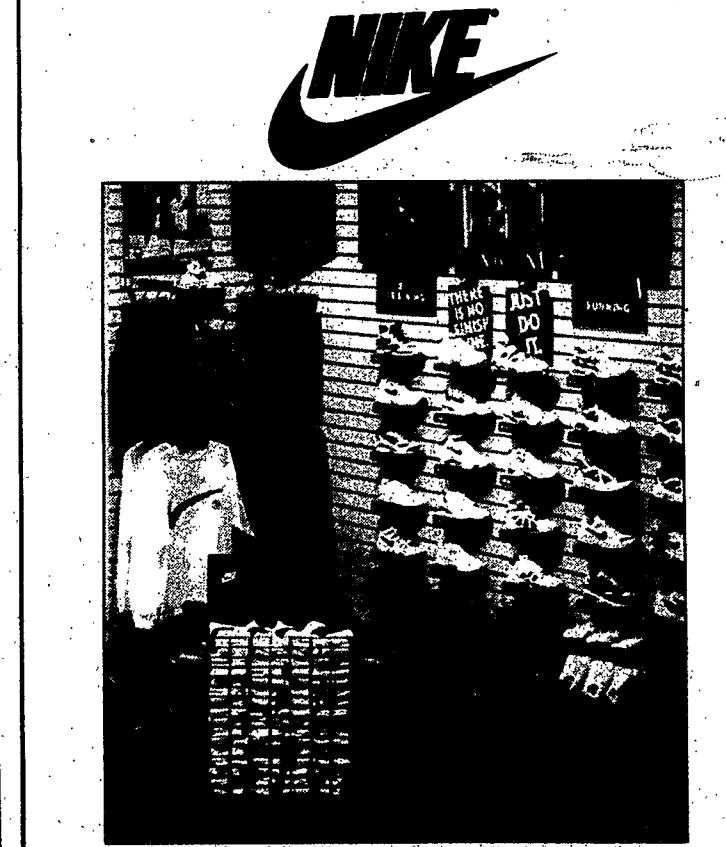
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# Used Christmas trees enhance fish habitat

Shortly after Christmas day, evergreen trees begin to appear at the end of driveways awaiting garbage pickup. But just as Christmas boxes and wrappings can be recycled, so can Christmas trees.

Dr. Marty Brunson, extension wildlife and fisheries leader at Mississippi State University, said Christmas trees can be recycled to increase fishing yields.

"The trees can be recycled by using them as fish attractors, and it's very simple to do," Brunson said. "Using the trees as fish attractors will enhance fishing and make fishing holes more convenient."

Recycling the Christmas trees also is more "environmentally friendly" and decreases garbage collection.

To recycle Christmas trees, tie them together in groups of three to five. The groupings should leave enough space between the branches for fish to hide. Place the groupings in convenient spots for fishing in a lake or pond.

"These arrangements are limited only by your imagination," Brunson said. "Fish like to be around some type of structure or cover where they can hide."

Small fish need the structure for protection, and larger fish flock to the structure to feed on the smaller fish.

"These attractors make it easier for fishermen because fish don't randomly distribute in a pond," Brunson said. "Fish like to have a shelter of some type."

Weight the Christmas trees to the bottom of the lake or pond to make stationary shelters for fish. Cinder blocks or buckets of

concrete make good anchors.

Place the attractors 3 to 4 feet deep to remain cool in the summer and warm in the winter. Locate them close to irregularities, such as the edge of a drop-off in a creek bed or creek channels.

For easy fishing, place the attractors 12 to 15 feet from a pier.

"Put them just far enough to reach with a cane pole," Brunson said. "Only one fish attractor should be placed in every 2 to 3 acres of water to prevent overcrowding."

Marking the spot of the fish attractors is a good idea. Use duck decoys, milk jugs or stakes to mark the new fishing spots. Tie the marker to the trees be-

fore they are placed into the water.

Safety is a key to having efficient and long-lasting fish attractors.

When a boat is needed to drop an attractor in a lake or pond, two people should help with the activity.

"Always wear a life preserver and be careful not to overload the boat," Brunson said.

Because the Christmas trees are biodegradable, the fish attractors generally last five to seven years.

"It is a good civic activity and it reduces the burden on landfills," Brunson said. "It also provides an alternative method of disposal and enhances the habitat for the fish."

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Christmastime means many things to many people, but one thing remains constant — the holidays are a time of goodwill toward men.

After a year of hustle and bustle and dealing with the stress of day-to-day living, Christmas is when people can relax and enjoy the happiness that infuses the season. Warmth and generosity seem to fill everyone's heart as people spread joy to their family, friends and even strangers on the street.

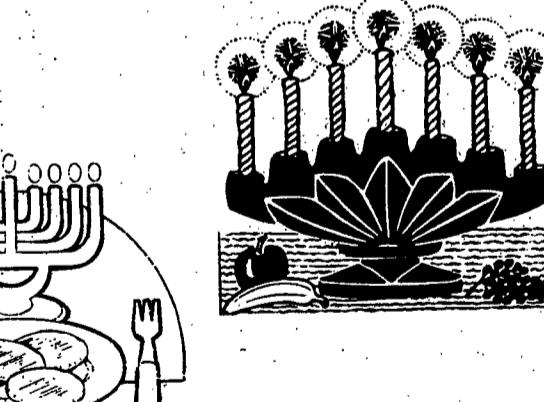
Whether remembering the delightful Christmases spent with grandma and grandpa or planning a special holiday for their own children and grandchildren, people are filled with the spirit of

the season. A feeling of harmony is in the air, bringing people from far and wide together. They share their time, their thoughts and even special gifts with each other, and they seem to forget about the troubles they faced just a short while ago.

Christmas is a time of reflection and rejuvenation, allowing people to recover from their hectic daily lifestyles. This feeling of calmness, a part of the fabric of the holidays, helps people prepare for the new year ahead of them. However, once Christmastime has passed, many people go back to the way they were — stressed, frustrated and too busy to take time out for the pleasures of life.

This year, they should let the spirit of Christmas live throughout the year. Not only will they be happier, but their kindness will brighten another person's life, and hopefully, he or she will spread this joy on to others. This is just one small way to make the world a better place.

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